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Friends Of The Sierra Madre Library 1999 Food & Wine Tasting

Tickets will go on sale for the 29th annual Friends of the Sierra Madre Library Food and Wine Tasting Benefit on January 16. The Wine Tasting will be held on February 19, 1999 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Villa at Alverno High School, 200 North Michillinda Ave., Sierra Madre.

"This is the hottest venue in town. If you don't want to be disappointed, buy your tickets early," urged Christine Soldate, co-chairperson of the Food and Wine Tasting Benefit. "This popular event has sold out for the past few years."

Over 25 wineries and 15 area restaurants are expected to provide a variety of fine wines and delicious appetizers to sample. The festivities will also include strolling entertainment. The Villa is a Sierra Madre treasure, built in 1923 by famed architect Wallace Neff.

Tickets are $40.00 if purchased by February 12, 1999, after which they will increase to $45.00 Members of the Friends of the Sierra Madre Library may purchase tickets for $35.00 at the library. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets are available at the Sierra Madre Public Library, The Bottle Shop, Happy's Wine and Spirits, and Howie's Ranch Market Liquor all located in Sierra Madre.

For ticket availability and event information, contact the Library at (626) 355-7186.

The co-chairs of the event are Marilynn Trounson and Christine Soldate. Other Sierra Madre residents who have volunteered their time and energies include Vince Pirolli, Wineries Coordinator, Amy Putnam, Restaurant Coordinator, Rob Stockly, Ticket Sales, and Helena Czepiec, Publicity.

The artwork which adorns the poster and wine glasses was created by Sierra Madre artist, Patricia Hofer. Dan Oen computerized the art and developed the graphics.

All proceeds go directly to the City of Sierra Madre, Public Library. Funds are used to support children's evening and summer programs, free school year tutoring and the purchase of books, magazines and computers.

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Quote of the Week

Nobody calls me 'Mr. Hayes'. Everyone calls me 'Doug'... or worse.

-Doug Hayes' joking comment on life as mayor in a small town.

City Drops Fee Recovery for Now, Moves to Enforce 1157

By Dan Oakes

Not with a bang, but a whimper: The City of Sierra Madre did not, as anticipated, move to pursue recovery of court costs in the so-called "Tree Lawsuit," instead removing an agenda item on the matter following a closed session discussion of the case. While unable to comment on the closed session discussions that led to the item's removal, Mayor Doug Hayes said that the item may or may not appear on a future agenda.

One resident and former Mayor happy to see the matter dropped was Jim Hester, who said, "I was glad to see this pulled. It's time for people to start the healing and put things behind them."

The City also voted unanimously to begin enforcement of Ordinance 1157, passed last July but on hold pending legal action, during which time the City has been under temporary urgency ordinances. "We could have begun operating under 1157 in the summer, but we were operating cautiously. We wanted to err on the side of conservatism," said Mayor Doug Hayes. "Now, we are able to focus on other issues," he added, alluding to the City's victories, still subject to appeal, in that lawsuit. "I don't know if Judge O'Brien things it's a good ordinance or not, but he thinks it's a legal ordinance."

Hayes also reiterated his denial of the truth to the portion of the lawsuit which alleged that the Council predetermined its action while in closed session on October 27, 1997, saying, "If anyone had said 'Hey, while we're all here with the door closed, let's talk about the Tree Ordinance,' I would have walked out. So would everyone else," Hayes added.

One upshot to the enforcement of 1157 is the forming of another Tree Commission, as provided for in that ordinance. Interested parties should contact City Hall, and the sooner, the better.

With the discussion for fee recovery removed from the agenda, along with two other items (the Mary's Market/Canyon Parking Lot project, and a Capital Improvement Projects review ordinance) due to Councilmember Kris Miller-Fisher's absence due to illness, the meeting was a quick one. The Council concluded by approving consideration of a Community Arts Commission, the scope of which will be largely determined based upon input received at a community forum at a date to be specified.

Applications Sought For Tree Advisory Commission

The City of Sierra Madre is soliciting applications for Tree Advisory Commission positions which are newly created. There are 7 openings, each serving four year terms. Applicants for these positions must be residents of Sierra Madre. Applicants may serve no more than two consecutive full terms on the same commission. To learn more about the role of a commissioner, copies of the Commission Handbook are available in City Hall for $4.25. Applications are available at City Hall and the Public Library. Applications should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, January 21, 1999. If you have any questions, please contact the City Administrator's Office at City Hall, (626) 355-7135.

Celebrity Luncheon January 23

By Phyllis Chapman

Sierra Madre Woman's Club invites you to attend their Annual Benefit Celebrity Luncheon on Saturday, January 23, 11:30 a.m. at "Essick House", their historic clubhouse, 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

Celebrity speaker will be popular editor and columnist Charles Cherniss. His column appears regularly in the Pasadena Star-News. He will comment on happenings in the area with questions from the audience welcome.

Arlene Decker-Jones, the club's ways and means vice president, chairs the event. Phyllis Harris, president, will greet members and guests. Theme decorations will be by Lillias Eubanks. In addition to enjoying the speaker, a delightful catered lunch is planned. Proceeds support club charities in Sierra Madre.

Tickets are $15 each and available by calling 355-1659.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Roundups

Roundups are being held on January 23 in Walnut - Mt. San Antonio College, Parking Lot "W", 1100 North Grand Avenue and on February 20 in Azusa - Aerojet General Corporation, West 3rd Street at Zachary Padilla Avenue. The events are held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

How to prepare items: bring the items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original, labeled containers; do not mix products together; in general, there is a limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds per vehicle; and be prepared to leave your containers.

What you can bring to a roundup: motor oil, oil filters, brake fluid, paint, paint thinner, turpentine, cleaners with acid or lye, pesticides or herbicides, household batteries or car batteries and pool chemicals.

What you cannot bring to a roundup: explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, business waste, trash and tires.

Mayor Hayes Pledges Support For Seniors

By Dan Oakes

Sierra Madre Mayor Doug Hayes was the featured speaker at the Sierra Madre Woman's Club on Wednesday afternoon. Hayes' talk was both down home and extremely informative, as he discussed a variety of issues, then fielded questions.

"I last spoke here in 1996," Hayes recalled, citing the candidates' final forum. "There were three forums, but this one was the most dear to me, because when I walk into this room, I'm walking into history. This is who we are here."

Hayes discussed his role on the Council, saying, "The Mayor is the one member of the City Council who sets the tone. No Councilmember has any power without your blessing, though, or you just throw the bum out."

Hayes noted that other communities (and some newspapers) treat Sierra Madre condescendingly, as a hick town of sorts, but added, "We are what they have lost. We are what other communities are trying to come back to." He did not attempt to take credit for Sierra Madre's unique flavor, saying, "The quality of life here is because of what you did, and what your parents and neighbors did. I inherited something that was all ready to go. My responsibility is to keep it special and make it maybe just a little bit better."

Hayes began discussing issues with a vow to commit to improving the quality of life for Sierra Madre's senior citizens. "One thing that sets us apart is the number of veterans in town... A community is judged by how it treats the young and the old. In America, we get a 'C' at best. In Sierra Madre, we need to do better, and we can and we will." He credited Joylouise Harte'-Smith for her work on the Commission on Aging. Hayes added that he is opposed to accepting federal funds for senior housing, because of the strings that come attached to such funds. "I want to take care of Sierra Madre's seniors. If we accept federal money, we're going to have applications from here to Timbukthree, and we won't have any discretion."

He also discussed the City's vastly improved financial position, noting that in 1993, Sierra Madre was $500,000 in debt. After borrowing that sum, the City has repaid its debt and now has $2.2 million in the bank. "It's not much, but it's a whole lot better than we were," he noted.

Mayor Hayes credited the City's fine public safety personnel. "We have two paid staff members on the Fire Department, and 44 volunteers, and our response time is one minute quicker than Arcadia's," Hayes said. He estimated the price tag for a paid fire department of similar size at $3 million annually. He added that the Police Department is the lowest paid in Southern California. "Unfortunately, we can't afford to pay our police officers what they're worth. Fortunately, we have excellent, quality police officers." Hayes also noted that Sierra Madre is the safest city in Southern California.

One question from the crowd focused on street lighting, and the balance between ambience and public safety. Hayes discussed the work being done by the Street Lighting Advisory Committee and the Utility Undergrounding Committee.

Martha Griffin, widow

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Woman's Club President Phyllis Harris with Sierra Madre Mayor Doug Hayes.

POLICE CALLS

January 8

12:44 p.m.: A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 500 block of E. Grandview. The responding officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

2:36 p.m.: A motor vehicle accident was reported in the 500 block of Alta Vista.

9:05 p.m.: A resident reported hearing a rattlesnake in the 300 block of W. Highland.

January 9

1:18 p.m.: The theft of over $400 in cash and/or merchandise from a building was reported in the 600 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd.

4:26 p.m.: A case of malicious mischief was reported in the 700 block of Brookside Lane.

January 10

9:30 a.m.: The theft of $50-$200 worth of case and/or merchandise from an unlocked vehicle was reported in the 00 block of E. Grandview.

8:02 p.m.: A domestic disturbance was reported in the 00 block of N. Baldwin.

January 11

12:28 a.m.: An auto theft was reported in the 300 block of E. Grandview.

9:30 a.m.: A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of Vista Circle.

Letters To The Editor

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Blood Donations - The Gift Of Life

Dear Editor:

As organizers of the recent Sierra Madre Community Blood Drive, we are pleased to announce that we collected 59 units from our wonderful local donors. This was one of the most successful blood drives that we have ever sponsored demonstrating once again that great Sierra Madre volunteer spirit! Congratulations go to an exceptional American Red Cross Blood Services volunteer and our dear friend, Marion Seeman, who achieved the distinction of becoming a ten gallon donor at our blood drive. In addition, there are many people to thank who helped to make our drive a success: the Sierra Madre seniors for the use of their meeting room, the Civic Club members for providing their famous gourmet refreshments, Rosemary Garcia for keeping the appointment schedule, Delia Garcia-Moriel for painting the publicity banner, Gordon Caldwell for outstanding donor requirement (who can say no to Gordon — with the possible exception of one of the undersigned?), the sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighter's Association for its ongoing commitment to saving lives, and finally, the professional, friendly staff of the American Red Cross Blood Services.

Thanks again to all concerned for helping to alleviate the critical post-holiday local blood shortage. If you were unable to donate at the Sierra Madre Community blood drive, don't despair! You can call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to make an appointment at your earliest convenience because January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month. Finally, please mark your calendar for our next community blood drive which will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 1999, from 2:00 to 7:15 p.m. in the Sierra Madre Senior Center. We'll look forward to seeing you then!

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Caldwell
Janice M. Nelson
Sierra Madre

From the Editor's Desk

By Dan Oakes

There are things to like and dislike about every job you could have, I imagine, but there hasn't been a better highlight recently (not since I met the King of Rwanda at a Sierra Madre City Council meeting a couple of years back...remind me to tell you that one sometime) than a note I received from Ruth Teigler thanking me for wishing her husband, Karl, a speedy recovery (see this column, last week). Ruth noted that as a result of that mention, she has received numerous phone calls from well-wishers (which she leads me to believe is a good thing. For all I know, Karl could consider it a pain in the neck and be planning to kick me next time he sees me. Just kidding).

Ruth adds that the local response from the Sierra Madre Fire Department, complete with ambulance, was very good, and says that Karl's recovery will be quick, which we're certainly all glad to here.

Bob Young is departing as Sierra Madre Rose Float Association President, following a wonderful entry in the last parade of the 1900's. The incoming President is longtime float volunteer David Duran, who has a substantial background with the Association. The theme for 2000 has not yet been announced, but it soon will be.

Note of correction, courtesy of Patty Grotewiel: Apparently, the wrong SMCC got the credit for the creche at the Candlelight Walk. It was provided not by the Sierra Madre Chamber of Commerce, but by the Sierra Madre City College. The College can always be counted on to help out in a time of need, and with the old creche falling apart, a time of need arose. Jack Grotewiel designed the creche so that it could be assembled in sections, and following a plan check, other SMCC core members bought the lumber and build it.

Patty adds that the SMCC's Bill Sullivan stores the creche at no charge in his Self Storage buildings on Montecito (also designed by Jack!) which Monsignor Gara blessed doubly for housing the creche. Thanks for setting the record straight, Patty.

Tickets go on sale this weekend for February 19th's Friends of the Sierra Madre Library wine tasting, the most enjoyable fund-raiser of the year. Keep your eyes peeled at Howie's, Happy's, The Bottle Shop, and the Sierra Madre Public Library. This is not an event to miss.

I had one of my brilliant ideas Sunday. Actually, I had the idea Saturday, but carried it out on Sunday. I decided that I would see what all of this Mt. Wilson Trail business was about. Yes, I know I've reported on the race several times, but that was from Kersting Court, watching the runners leave, and talking to them as they return. To paraphrase Wisteria ideology, I decided to answer the question, "Why all this fuss over a trail?"



Bob Young turns over the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association Presidency to David Duran.

So, armed with a bottle of ice water and a pair of Reeboks with some tread on them, I started up the trail. It might be that everyone in town has been up this path, but just in case you haven't, I'll let you in on a few things. First of all, it's steep. I mean seriously steep. In the phone book, the hike is listed as "strenuous," but that's an understatement. It was like walking up a mountain.

The second thing that I noticed was that the trail is awfully narrow. I can't imagine 250 people thundering up and down that thing at the same time. Why aren't there more fatalities? It was almost fatal when I went, and I wasn't even running.

The third thing is that there are some spectacular views. The views are a good thing, because let's say that you have a rather sedentary job. Writer, for instance. Let's further assume that you have some sedentary hobbies. For the sake of argument, maybe bridge, reading, movies...things of that ilk. What might happen to such a person is, that person might be seriously out of breath. Legs aching, lungs aching, heart aching...essentially 2/3 dead. Now, it could conceivably be somewhat embarrassing to be gasping for air and stopping every 200 yards in an effort to postpone one's inevitable death, especially when that person is getting passed by senior citizens with Chihuahuas, neither of which seem to find the trek any more exerting than picking up the daily paper.

But here's the beauty of it! Thanks to the magnificent views offered by the Mount Wilson Trail, our exhausted would-be hiker isn't sucking wind. He's not within three inches of his life! He's just admiring the view. Every 100 yards or so, there was a new view to admire, which roughly corresponded with how often I was sorely out of breath.

To make a long story short, I walked. Then I walked and walked. After that, I walked and walked and walked, and then I walked some more. The sun moved gracefully, inevitably, to the western sky. Part of me said that if I did this three times a week, I wouldn't be in pain. A more rational part of me said that if I never did it at all, including that day, I wouldn't be in pain. I walked until I was convinced that I must have passed the Mount Wilson Observatory. Obviously, it had not been as well-marked as I had thought it would be. The only problem was, the trail was still going up, not down.

Eventually, I got to a sign, which read: "First Water". The sad truth of the matter was, I wasn't yet halfway to Orchard Camp. I was not happy with this realization. Since I had a City Council meeting to attend the next evening at 6:30, I decided that I had best not continue to Orchard Camp, for fear that I would not make it back in time. The thought occurred to me that people come more than twice as far as I had come, then go back, not to mention a round trip from Kersting Court to the foot of the trail, and furthermore, some of them do it in about an hour. The thought also occurred to me that these people are, in fact, nuts. Or maybe it's like the Bigfoot conspiracy. Maybe they just run to Miramonte, hang out at AWest's house for 45 minutes, then run back down Baldwin. I think it must be an impossibility of physics to get from Kersting Court to Orchard Camp and back in under an hour, and I'm going to commission some bored JPL guys to prove it.

Anyway, that's how I almost died last Sunday. How was *your* weekend?

Rusty Remembers

Hoist With One's Own Petard

By James R. (Rusty) Pratley

While still a young P-2 Civil Engineer with the Forest Service on the Angeles National Forest in 1947, I was given the opportunity to conduct a topographic survey of the old Colby Homestead for the Southern Methodist Church. Having acquired this property, they now intended to make it into a day camp and summer camping experience for their young people.

This homestead, located in Colby Canyon, a tributary of Big Tujunga Creek, was familiar territory and I fully understood the complexities of this "opportunity". However, to do the job, I needed another engineer and two rodmen, so I picked Charley Davis, a good friend, as my assistant. Both of us considered ourselves to be underpaid at the time, and it seemed that this fortunate turn of events, arranged by the local Forest Service, was a means of making the old proverbial "bundle", getting paid for the survey and drawing our annual leave salary at the same time. We had it made, or so we thought.

At that time, both of us were making about $2.50 an hour and our idea of a "bundle", would be in the range of $50 a day, about three times our regular salary. In all honesty, we were tempted to make an even sweeter deal, $100 a day, but felt somewhat abashed at asking men of the cloth for what to us, was an outrageous sum. The lower figure was more in keeping with our respect for the Church, even though we were aware that any outside engineering organization would have to ask for even a higher rate due to travel time and union dues. However, just how much the outsiders would have to ask, was of course, unknown to us.

The night of our presentation to the President of the Church council, we were somewhat nervous, not wanting to appear too greedy and not wanting to embarrass our top "brass" who had arranged for our good fortune, yet wanting to make a reasonable rate of pay for the job. It would allow me for the first time in our married life, to make as much as my darling wife, Virginia, who at that time, was in the fashion world of Hollywood. With our final summation of how we would approach the project and the amount of time that it would take, we presented our bottom line, $150 a day, $50 a day

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By Harry Martin

Henry Bettler's Grocery Store

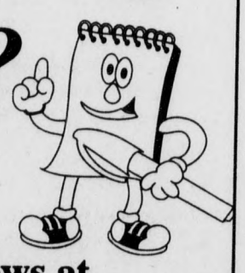
When I was growing up in Keithsburg, Illinois, our little village of one thousand people supported four grocery stores. Ellet Brothers had a store on Main Street, near the Mississippi River, and they sold everything but fresh meat. It was the same with Finches Store near the Commerce Hotel. Breakfast food was just coming into use and I saw my first box of Grape Nuts at Finches Store. Humphrey and Newell had a meat and grocery store just north of the school house, but both departments were small.

Henry Bettler's Store on Fifth and Main was the biggest and best of all. It was unique because Mr. Bettler raised his own meat. On a farm just east of town, he grew corn which he fed to his own hogs and cattle. The animals were processed in a barn on the premises and the meat taken downtown to the store, where it was placed in a large walk-in refrigerator, cooled by ice that had been cut from the Mississippi River the winter before by Mr. Bettler's own crew of men. Henry Bettler touched all bases. John Miller, a most capable butcher, had charge of the meat department. How he had time to do all that he did is still a mystery. Besides waiting on customers, he made huge quantities of bologna, tied in horseshoe-shaped rings, and sold directly from the steamer. He made what seemed to be miles of frankfurters and his pork sausage links were the best I have ever eaten.

It was not possible to keep a supply of pre-cut meats, so all sales were cut to order. I can remember asking Mr. Miller for a slice of round steak and he would carry the whole leg of a steer and put it on the butcher block. There it was cut and the bone sawed by hand. There was no electric power saw of any kind. Between the meat department and the grocery department there was a small passageway in front of the candy counter. Imitation cigarettes made of sugar were one-cent each and chocolate cigars were five-cents. The grocery store was the epitome of the old-time country store. The shelves held a good supply of caned goods, including salmon and sardines, while rice and beans were scooped

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SMN Employee Profile:
Office Manager Irene Chudyk

By Dan Oakes

"I'm an extrovert, and extroverts get their energy from people," says Irene Chudyk. It's a good thing, because at the Sierra Madre News, the office manager has more exposure to people than anyone else. Handling incoming phone calls from City Hall, subscribers, residents, advertisers, and more, taking TCI payments, print jobs, and UPS shipments, talking to residents about story ideas... These are just some of Irene's duties, and that doesn't count typing the many press releases that come into the office, or organizing the classified ad section.

"For me, the highlight of my job is all of the people I get to interact with," she says. When she's caught up (and sometimes it's hard to believe that she ever is) she loves to organize, and anyone who has been in the office recently and prior to her hire in late August of last year can attest to the incredible strides she has taken to turn the News office upside down and inside out.

Perhaps her love of people comes from her large family, or perhaps it's the other way around. Either way, Irene has seven children, between the ages of 26 and 38, living as close as Laguna Niguel, Riverside, and Anaheim Hills, and as far away has her native Michigan (she's been a born-again So. Cal. for 33 years, however) and South Carolina. She also has three grandchildren, all of whom live in Orange County. "Did you hear the one about the old woman who lived in a shoe? She had so many kids, she didn't know where they all lived," she jokes.

Irene spent 10 years working for the IRS, including five as a tax examiner in the bankruptcy division, and five as an office manager. Certainly, if the IRS had more employees like her, they wouldn't have such an image problem! Most recently, she was office manager for La Vie Counseling Center.

When not hard at work for the News, she enjoys studying and developing her side business, a telephone service, as well crossword puzzles, gardening, and writing letters. "Mostly, I'm busy being in love," she says. In love with Daniel, her husband of 5 1/2 years. "Whatever we do, we have fun," she says. She calls him "an endangered species."



Sierra Madre News office manager Irene Chudyk

Publisher Michael DeWees is happy to have Irene managing the office. "She is great with the customers, she's extremely well organized, and when she finishes one job, she is motivated and creative enough to find other ways to help the company. Irene is a tremendous asset," he said.



Kiwanis Club Supports Local Causes

By Hank Landsberg

At their recent meeting, the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club approved requests for donations to support local causes, mostly related to area kids. The total amount donated by the club was $2,400 distributed to these worthy causes: $650 to the Sierra Madre Public Library for their Summer Reading Program; $150 to the Sierra Madre "Dolphins" swim team for a new megaphone; $500 to Creative Arts Group, for scholarships to fund art programs for needy children; $1,000 to Sierra Madre Grace Center to fund programs to help and rehabilitate abused children; and $100 to the Lincoln Training Center (El Monte) for rehabilitation and training of kids with disabilities.

The Sierra Madre Kiwanis club emphasizes the support of causes that benefit children and the elderly. Nearly all donations by the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club are to organizations within Sierra Madre.

Anyone interested in joining Kiwanis are encouraged to come to a meeting, any Tuesday at 12 noon, at the Masonic Hall, located just east of Baldwin on Sierra Madre Blvd. (next to Unocal Station). All men and women are welcome to join. It is NOT necessary to be a business owner to be a member of the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club.

Hayes speaker at Woman's Club

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of former Sierra Madre Mayor Carl Griffin, took the microphone to publicly thank Hayes for taking the time to talk to her at length during her difficult time last year. "I called you back because it's my job, and because I love you," Hayes replied.

Final questions centered around the soon-to-be-build Youth Activity Center and skate park. Hayes elaborated on his skate park visions, saying, "This needs to be one component of recreation, not one huge project. The only way I will support this is if it's done by volunteers. I'm willing to work on it. It should be small and unlit, and I'm not willing to cement over park land."

Hayes concluded by discussing property acquisitions from the Richter, Willis, and Maddox families to protect the viewshed, then said, "If you ever wake up in the morning and feel proud to be a Sierra Madrean, you're not alone, and you're right. It is what it is because of you."

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"Hub" Meeting

"Goal Setting" is the topic to be addressed by Mary Wulf, a small business planning consultant, at the next meeting of Hub — the club for people with home-based businesses. To be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, January 21, in the Wisteria Room of the Sierra Madre Recreation Center, 611 E. Sierra Madre Blvd. For more information, call 355-3454.

Volunteers Needed

WOMEN AT WORK, a Pasadena career and job resource center, is looking for daytime volunteers to assist women at the non-profit center at 50 North Hill Avenue, Suite 300 in Pasadena. Volunteers commit a minimum of three hours a week between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Volunteers learn the job search process and how to utilize the extensive resources to help clients.

For more information about Volunteer Orientation for 1999 and on the job training contact Ann Appley at (626) 796-6870.

Wistaria Tickets Now Available

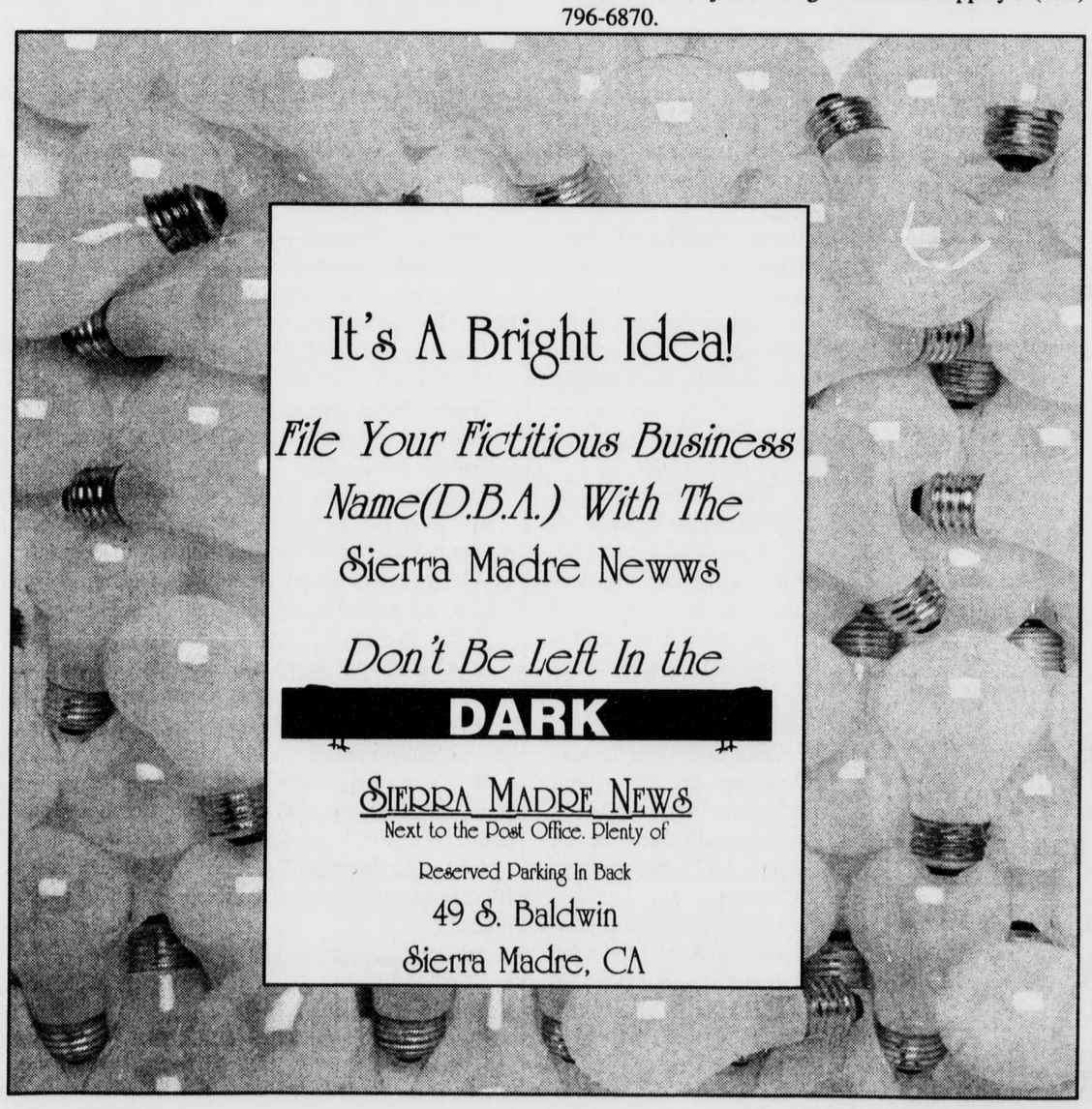
What? The tickets were all gone last year when you wanted to view Sierra Madre's world-famous Wistaria Vine? You waited too long?

Well, it's time to think Wistaria Vine-Viewing tickets again! The Wistaria Festival 1999 is only two months away—it's on Sunday, March 21—and, as usual, tickets are greatly in demand.

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County Signals New Immunization Law Via Preteen Vaccine Week

Seventh-graders must have hepatitis B vaccination series in order to attend school.

Los Angeles County is observing the first annual California Preteen Vaccine Week January 11-17. This is part of a Statewide program to remind parents that their children need additional immunizations before seventh grade and that they need to start those shots now.

Preteen Vaccine Week stems from a State law effective July 1, 1999, requiring that all seventh grade students have a 3-shot series of hepatitis B vaccine. "Since the vaccination series takes four to six months to complete, sixth graders need to start now in order to finish on time and to avoid a last minute rush," says Dr. Akiko Kimura, Medical Director for the Los Angeles County Immunization Program.

The hepatitis B virus is highly infectious with blood or sexual exposures and can cause serious liver illnesses, including cirrhosis, liver failure and liver cancer, according to Kimura. Most people with hepatitis B acquire the infection as adolescents or young adults. Although nearly half of the individuals who become infected with the hepatitis B virus do not show any visible symptoms of disease, they can still infect other people while carrying the virus.

Kimura stresses that infections caused by this virus can be prevented effectively and safely through vaccination at an early age. The new seventh grade school entry requirement is designed to ensure that young people are protected against infection before they reach an age when they are most likely to be exposed to the virus.

In Los Angeles County alone, vaccinating next year's approximately 135,000 seventh graders may prevent 5,600 cases of hepatitis B infection, 340 chronic illnesses and around 50 deaths.

Public health officials advise that parents check to see if their children are up to date on other recommended vaccines, including the tetanus/diphtheria booster shot and chickenpox vaccine.

For more information about the locations and hours of clinics offering **FREE** immunizations, call the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Information Line at **1-800-427-8700.**

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Estrogen And Hormone Replacement Therapy: Benefits And Risks

Some scientists believe that the hormone estrogen, produced by a woman's body, offers some protection against heart disease and stroke. The production of estrogen is highest during the child-bearing years and declines with menopause. As menopause approaches, a woman's risk of heart attack begins to rise and keeps rising as she ages. If menopause is caused by surgery to remove the uterus and ovaries, the risk of heart attack rises sharply. If menopause occurs naturally, the risk increases more slowly. Several population studies have shown that loss of estrogen may be a significant contributor to the development of coronary heart disease in women after menopause. Other studies show a somewhat less consistent lower risk of stroke. However, other reasons besides estrogen may explain some of the protection, such as more education, better access to healthcare and fewer risk factors among women who take estrogen.

For decades, millions of women have used estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) and, more recently, hormone replacement therapy (HRT) to help relieve symptoms of menopause and protest against the crippling bone disease osteoporosis. HRT is estrogen therapy combined with the natural hormone progesterone or with its synthetic form, progestin, to help counteract the increased risk of endometrial cancer linked to taking estrogen alone. (Women who have had a hysterectomy do not need progestins and can take ERT alone.)

Many observational studies have shown that ERT and HRT may reduce the risk of heart attack for women after menopause by as much as 50 percent, compared with women not taking estrogen. They show a less consistent lower risk with stroke.

If you have had a natural or surgical menopause, you may be considering estrogen or hormone therapy. To help you and your doctor determine whether ERT or HRT is appropriate, you need to understand the benefits and risks.

Benefits of ERT and HRT

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Attention Young Men: Your Uncle Sam Need You

If you are a young man age 18 through 25, it's time to think about your Uncle Sam, and the best way to stay on his good side is to register with Selective Service. Although most men register when they are 18, as required by law, some fail to do so until they are older. In some cases, they wait too long. If you are now 25, you have until the day before your 26th birthday to register. Selective Service does not have the authority to accept late registrations after a man reaches age 26.

Selective Service State Director Ronald H. Markarian cautioned that, with few exceptions, a man who fails to register before turning 26 will forfeit his eligibility for certain benefits, such as federal student aid, job training, and most federal employment, in addition to facing possible prosecution as a felon. Registration is also an eligibility requirement for male immigrants seeking U.S. citizenship.

Some states also require registration for state student aid, entrance to state-supported colleges and universities, state employment, and permission to practice law. California requires Selective Service registration as a precondition for state student financial aid.

Markarian points out that men age 18 through 25 who have not yet registered can avoid the risk of prosecution and loss of benefits by registering promptly at any local post office or on the Internet Selective Service home page (http//www.sss.gov). If men need to verify their registration or obtain their Selective Service Number, this can also be done at the home page. Failure to register is a felony punishable by a fine of up to $250,000, up to five years in prison, or both.

Men can register with Selective Service up to 30 days prior to their 18th birthday. Early registration may be necessary if verification of registration is required for applications for student loan, college entrance, job training, or a federal job. Over 13 million men age 18 through 25 are currently registered with Selective Service. Of those, 1,399,782 are from California.

For information contact: Ronald H. Markarian (599) 431-0954 or (559) 438-1368.

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Monday, January 4, 1999

3:32 a.m.: Medical Call, 200 blk Foothill Ave., patient transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital.

1:07 p.m.: Medical Call, 100 blk W. Highland Ave., patient transported to St. Luke Hospital.

2:59 p.m.: Medical Call, 200 blk S. Canon Ave., patient transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital.

5:40 p.m.: Fire Call, 100 blk W. Sierra Madre Blvd., flooded condition.

Tuesday, January 5, 1999

NO CALLS

Wednesday, January 6, 1999

6:46 p.m.: Medical Call, 300 blk Old Ranch Rd., patient left in own care.

Thursday, January 7, 1999

10:07 a.m.: Medical Call, 600 blk Manzanita Ave., patient transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital.

7:27 p.m.: Medical Call, 700 blk Oak Crest Dr., patient transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital.

Friday, January 8, 1999

12:43 a.m.: Medical Call, 2000 blk Lilliano Dr., patient transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital.

9:17 a.m.: Medical Call, 100 blk E. Highland Ave., patient transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital.

9:32 a.m.: Medical Call, 100 blk W. Highland Ave., patient transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital.

9:50 a.m.: Medical Call, 100 blk E. Sierra Madre Blvd., patient transported to Arcadia Methodist Hospital.

Saturday, January 9, 1999

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- Sierra Madre **Garden Club** dinner meeting & program. 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center. Dinner $6.50. Reservations 355-0772.
- Sierra Madre **Chorale** meets every Monday, 7:30 p.m. at the Sierra Madre United Methodist Church Choir Room.
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Hormone Replacement Therapy

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Estrogen therapy has a positive effect on several heart disease risk factors. The Postmenopausal Estrogen/ Progestin Interventions Trial found that ERT and HRT increase the level of "good" cholesterol. (Even small increases can potentially lower your risk of heart disease.) It also found that HRT lowers the levels of "bad" cholesterol and of a blood-clotting factor that is a predictor of heart attack and stroke.

In the long-term Nurses' Health Study, ERT and HRT reduced the risk of death from cardiovascular disease and stroke, as well as from all major diseases except breast caner. This benefit (a longer life expectancy) persisted even after 10 years of hormone treatment, though at a lower level due to the higher risk of breast cancer.

Other research has shown that estrogen therapy helps blood vessels relax and respond to exercise and physical stress by keeping arteries reactive and by increasing blood flow.

ERT and HRT help relieve menopausal symptoms, protect against the bone disease osteoporosis and help prevent fractures.

Early clinical data have shown that the loss of estrogen in women may be linked to risk of Alzheimer's disease. The disease may be less likely to strike women who take estrogen after menopause.

Risks of ERT and HRT

ERT (estrogen alone) raises the risk of endometrial or uterine cancer in women with an intact uterus. However, HRT (combining estrogen and progestin) reduces the risk of endometrial cancer.

ERT and HRT may increase a woman's triglyceride levels, but it is not known if that raises her coronary risk.

There is a higher risk of blood clots and a higher risk of gall bladder disease in women taking ERT or HRT.

Women in the Nurses' Health Study and in several other studies who used hormones for 10 or more years had an increase in breast cancer.

In a study of older women with severe coronary heart disease - the Heart and Estrogen-progestin Replacement Study (HERS) - starting them on HRT did not reduce the risk of another heart attack or coronary death. This risk actually increased in the first year of hormone therapy.

The three-year Postmenopausal Estrogen/Progestin Interventions (PEPI) Trial is the only randomized clinical trial done to date of ERT and HRT in women. All the other benefits and risks discussed here derive from observational studies and are therefore less well defined. We should learn more about the benefits and risks of hormone use in healthy women from results of a major controlled clinical trial now underway. The Women's Health Initiative (WHI), an ongoing National Institutes of Health study, is planned to end in 2006. The WHI is the first trial to provide disease data in ethnic minority women on hormone therapy.

Remember that as a woman approaches menopause, her risk of heart disease and stroke begins to rise and keeps rising as she ages.

Talk to your doctor about how this information relates to your personal and family health history and what you can do to reduce your risk.

Local High School Students become DAR's Good Citizen

A DAR Good Citizen, once selected, wears the title for life. This year Santa Anita Chapter, Daughter of the American Revolution, presented five seniors from local high schools with this honor. They are: Kathleen Bradley, Alverno High School; Marian Chiechi, Arcadia High; Steve Paik, Duarte High; Cady E. Staff, La Salle High; Eric Sorenson, Maranatha High and Mary Ruth Steffens, Temple City High. All were chosen by the recommended method, whereby the senior class chooses three students and from the three the faculty chooses one, who becomes that school's Good Citizen. They were selected for dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Each student must write an essay on "Our American Heritage And Our Responsibility To Preserve It", and submit an outline of their achievements.

When all information was received, Grace O'Brien, DAR Good Citizen Chairman for Santa Anita Chapter, gathered a committee of professional people, not of them members of DAR, and began the quest for a winner among winners. Every detail was considered. In the end, Marian Chiechi of Arcadia High School was picked to go on to District X Competition. Here the competition was stiffer as she was competing against winners from all 13 of the Chapters in the District. But Chiechi won! The next step come in March when the California State Conference is held at the Irvine Marriott. Here Chiechi will be competing against winners from all of the 132 Chapters in the State of California. Should she win here, she would go on to competition at the Continental Congress in Washington D.C. next April. Should she be the National Winner, Chiechi will receive a scholarship and a Paul Revere Bowl, engraved with her title.

We make much of those who go on to higher competition, but each winner is a DAR Good Citizen. Their accomplishments are phenomenal. It is impossible to list all of them, but just as an example, Kathleen Bradley of Alverno High School played leading roles in the class play each of her four years; received the Rotary Youth Leadership Award; was National Honor Society President, and much more.

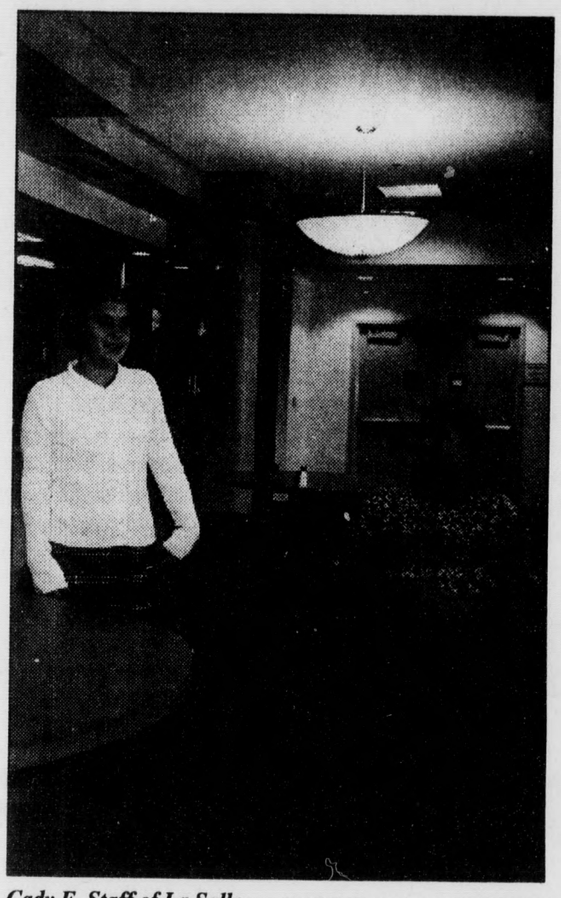
Cady E. Staff of La Salle High School received honors and awards in Earth Science, Spanish, Journalism, English, Computer Technology, Precalculus and more. She carried a 4.0 GPA or higher, received the Gold Honor Roll Certificate and General Excellence Award. Her list of organizations/ activities and offices held filled more than a page. An amazing young lady.

Eric Allen Sorenson of Maranatha High School has reached out to others by tutoring younger children, acting as an umpire in Little League Baseball and raising puppies for guide dogs. He plans to become a chiropractor.

Mary Ruth Steffens of Temple City High School listed an almost unbelievable number of accomplishments in basketball, volleyball and track. She belongs to 13 clubs. She ranks high in leadership and community service and hopes to attend Darmouth where she will major in Political Science and American History, with the intent of rebuilding the Republican Party. This may be our first female president.

Duarte's Steve T. Paik has a total GPA of 4.43, having taken such subjects as Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, etc. He plays in a marching band, and is a Boy's State Representative.

District winner Marian Rose Chiechi of Arcadia High is ASB President and has received honors or awards from the American Legion, Rotary, California Scholastic Federation, National Honor Society. She received the Girl's State Leadership Award, the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Award, Civitan Citizen of the Month and is listed in Who's Who among American high school students. She has worked with the Red Cross and the Glendale Cancer Center. She plans to attend UCLA and wants to become a consultant.



Cady E. Staff of La Salle High School

By honoring these fine young people, the D.A.R. hopes to stress the qualities of good citizenship among our high school seniors. It is a great pleasure to honor these five DAR Good Citizens.

The Daughters of the American Revolution have three primary goals: education, patriotic endeavor and historic preservation. Membership is based on an ability to trace your lineage to an ancestor who either served in the American Armed Forces or contributed considerable aid to the cause of the colonies. Should any lady feel she would like to be a member, and believes she can meet these criteria, please contact Ann Gahan (626) 355-6695 for expert assistance.

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After the sensational success of the movie "Titanic" and the reverberations of fascination that still vibrate after all these years, you might wonder what a stage musical could add to the familiar story. Fortunately for the musical, it managed to open and receive awards before the movie did. A locally cast production which will soon be touring to Denver, Seattle, Chicago, and points east has opened at the Ahmanson Theater and proved that the tale is still exciting when the water is only suggested.

Much of the pleasure in this production is seeing how the audience imagination can be lured into supplying what is impossible on a theater stage. A long gangplank evokes an entire gigantic ship. A row of portholes can become the bridge of that ship, an elegant first class dining room, a modest second class, and a practical steerage class in turn. A group of enormous hanging backdrops provide the sea, the stars, the huge engine room, etc. Those for whom artistic suggestion is more moving than any amount of reality have a treat.

While the movie concentrates on one young couple, the musical shows us many more relationships, sometimes interconnected, more often not, a group of strangers caught in a unique experience, not quite believing it even as it happens.

An on-stage cast of forty three manage to represent the staff from the captain to the stokers and from the collection of millionaires in first class to the lively immigrants below decks.

The story of the "Titanic" has achieved the classic proportions of Greek tragedy as the perfect illustration of what the Greeks called "hubris", the pride that allows human beings to feel that they can do anything. Unsinkable, indeed! Oedipus thought he could outwit the gods.

But there is some deep sense of man's puniness that should make people move slowly and cautiously when they tempt Fate lest they destroy themselves and many innocents.

Serious thoughts aside, there is much inventiveness in the staging, the costumes, the often humorous dialog and the gorgeous music, which is not especially memorable but fills out the emotional climate and in the fine voices that sing it. ."Titanic" will be at the Ahmanson through through February 28.

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Sierra Madre Playhouse Stages a Classic

The Pulitzer prize in drama is given to plays that best represent phases of American life and it is no wonder that it was awarded to "Driving Miss Daisy" by Alfred Uhry, now at the Sierra Madre Playhouse. The motion picture, starring Jessica Tandy, won the Academy award for itself and for her. It is one of the few times that a tale has been told first on the stage and then in a movie and still held its vitality and message intact in the two very different mediums.

In other words, it is a great script.

The SMP production takes advantage of its simplicity: a chair and a lamp, a desk and two chairs, and four stools are sufficient to set the stage. The production can then move smoothly from scene to scene, aided by the audience's imagination, as we see Miss Daisy's Southern home, her son's business office and several of her automobiles.

The story begins with a shattering crash. It seems that Miss Daisy, a feisty, 72 year-old Southern lady has misjudged the gears in her car and backed forcefully into someone else. She is not hurt, but for her concerned son it is the last straw. Over her indignant protests, he insists that she have someone to drive her, and that he will find the right man and hire him. The man he finds is Hoke Coleburn, an elderly Afro-American with good references.

The rest of the play outlines the relationship that develops between him and Miss Daisy. Hoke is respectful and dignified but not subservient, and he provides the head-strong Miss Daisy with a stimulating adversary and a faithful protector.

Since the play covers more than 25 years - 1948 to 1975- the characters change with humor and subtlety, posing a challenge to the actors as they age.

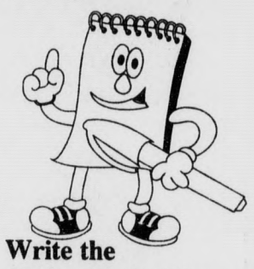
Mary Berry plays the opinionated and independent Miss Daisy with a kind of acid charm, while Calvin Cotton, who has played Hoke before, thoroughly understands the humor and pride of the situation. Ed Thomas is crisp as the businessman son.

The play is a very human comedy with occasional serious overtones, and director Bill Martyn and crew have provided a polished and pleasurable production.

(One small quibble: the mood music that provides a transition between the many scenes is sometimes inexplicably long, breaking the flow and making the audience restless.—but this should be easy to adjust.)

"Driving Miss Daisy" will play on Friday and Saturday evenings and occasional Sunday matinees through Feb. 20. Call 355-4318 for information and reservations. The Sierra Madre Playhouse is at 67 West Sierra Madre Blvd. in Sierra Madre.

Upcoming Event?

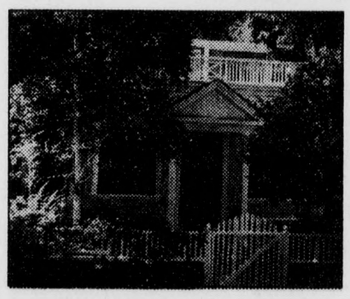


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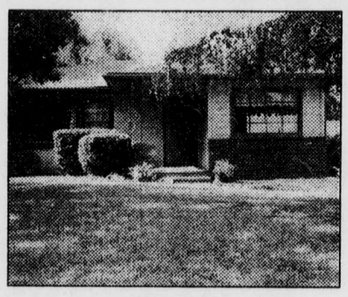
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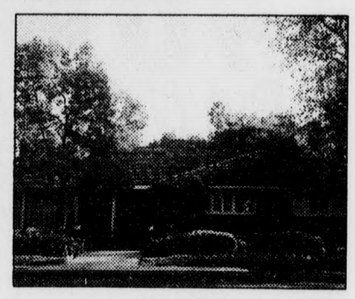
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The Dorn-Suess Group

It is with a great deal of enthusiasm that Nancy Dorn and Joyce Suess, agents with Dilbeck Realtors *Better Homes & Garden's* Arcadia office, announced the formation of **The Dorn-Suess Group**. This group of real estate professionals are joining forces to accommodate their expanding real estate business.

"We want to give our clients the highest level of service possible," said Dorn, "after all, they deserve it."

Nancy Dorn and Joyce Suess joined forces in 1992 and then last year added, Kathy Copeland, who serves as the buyers agent for the group, and most recently, Nina Dale, transaction coordinator. Dale also is a licensed real estate agent. Having a transaction coordinator and a buyers agent allows Nancy and Joyce more time to do what they do best, sell property.

"Our business has grown over the past 7 years and so our needs have changed," said Suess. "Service for our clients is still our number one priority," added Dorn.

You can reach the Dorn-Suess Group at Dilbeck Realtors *Better Homes & Garden's* Arcadia office, (626) 462-2419.



:front row (l-r) Nina Dale & Kathy Copeland; standing (l-r) Joyce Suess & Nancy Dorn

Third Generation Of Earll's To Lead Realtors

1999 President, Terry Earll, is the third generation of his family to serve as President of the Arcadia Association of REALTORS. Joe Earll, St. was President in 1961. Joe Earll, Jr. served as President in 1981.

It appears that none of the three Earll's intended to go into the real estate profession. All three were airplane pilots.

Joe Sr. was in an air circus and traveling air show flying as a barnstormer after serving as an army soldier in World War I. After World War II, Joe Sr. opened Earll's Ranch, a chicken processing plant and egg store

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Real Estate Trends

by Katie Orth, Webb-Martin Realtors

1998 home sales in Sierra Madre increased at a healthy rate over 1997 sales. For those of you who read the report in the Business Section of last week's Pasadena Star News which reported a 52.3 percent increase in the median price for Nov. 1998 over Nov. 1997, please don't get too excited. You must understand that the median price reflects the price at which half of the sales were higher and half were lower. When you are only dealing with a small number of sales (as was the case with Nov. Sierra Madre sales) the figures, although true, can be somewhat misleading. A more accurate assessment would be to look at the overall 1998 sales performance over 1997, including not only the median price but an average of all sales prices.

The following figures were taken from the Multiple Listing Service of the Arcadia Board of Realtors. There are currently 48 properties on the market in Sierra Madre. These include single family residences, townhomes, and condos and exclude commercial and land offerings. This number has slowly DECREASED over the last year. In September of 1998 it was 64. The number of homes sold in 1997 was 148 and in 1998 was 166 resulting in a 12% INCREASE. The median price in 1997 was $285,000 and in 1998 was $339,000 resulting in an INCREASE of 19%. The average price in 1997 was $327,000 and in 1998 was $365,000 resulting in an 11.6% INCREASE.

Thus you have a more realistic picture of the market trends for 1998. The inventory has DECREASED and the average price shows a very healthy, non-neurotic INCREASE of 11.6%. Good luck to all of us in 1999!

Century 21 Village Realty Adds New Agents In January

Mike Lepore, manager of Century 21 Village Realty in Sierra Madre was please to introduce three new sales associates for the month of January. The announcement was made at the weekly sales meeting held at the office. The three agents are C.C. Carson, Tom James and Bev Wallick. Carson is new to real estate, James is transferring from the Glendora area and Wallick comes to Village with fifteen years experience in real estate sales in the San Gabriel Valley.

As the meeting progressed, Lepore said that December was the last of many record breaking months at Village in 1999. Some of those months were the best the company has had since it was formed back in 1986. He predicted that the real estate market will remain strong through the first quarter with interest rates remaining low and an increasing listing inventory. He also predicted that prices will rise slightly as the market becomes more active.

Lepore once again thanked all of the agents for their professionalism, hard work, and dedication to their clients. In recognition of the office's success, the Sierra Madre company was recognized for the third year in a row by Century 21 International with the prestigious Quality Service Award. While closing the meeting, he promised continued support from the office with his firmly established advertising campaign which encompasses numerous newspapers, cable television, real estate magazines and the Internet.

All Century 21 Village agents can be reached at (626) 355-1451 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

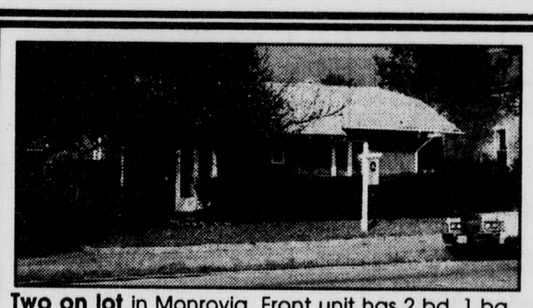
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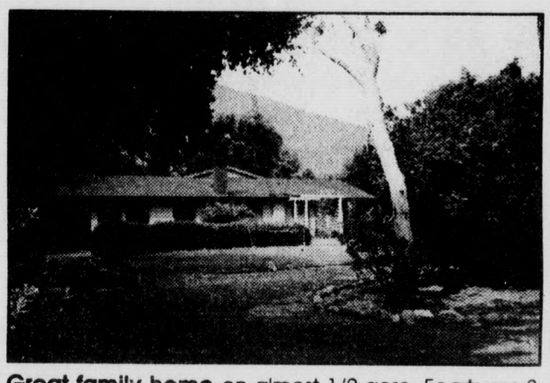
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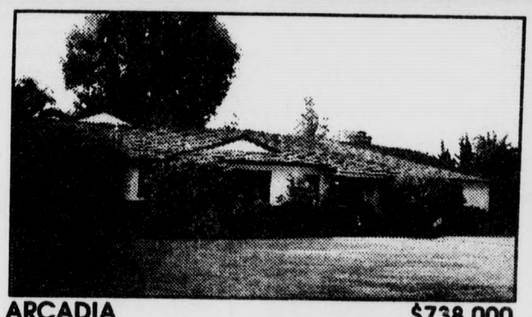
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January 14-20

Aries - March 21/April 20

The old saying, "what comes around, goes around," applies this week. So keep your spontaneous side at bay and think before you act. Plan out a strategy before taking on a major project. Otherwise, you could end up doing extra work. Travel arrangements need careful attention.

Taurus - April 21/May 21

Time will be a valuable commodity this week. Use it well. Although you probably want to sit back in front of the television and relax, you probably won't get a chance for such luxuries. Good news will come from an unexpected source. You will learn something new on Friday.

Gemini - May 22/June 21

A satisfying week. With your stamina at an all-time high, you will successfully tackle projects that demand more than the usual amount of time and effort. This will certainly get you noticed in the workplace. A romantic weekend is in store. A loved one will do something special for you.

Cancer - June 22/July 22

An excellent week for success. If you are involved in any type of scientific work, you could make a major breakthrough, while Cancers in creative fields will be able to put innovative ideas into action. Romance is looking good, too. Make sure you show loved ones how you feel.

Leo - July 23/August 23

Stay away from large investments and contracts of any kind. This is not the week to make any type of financial dealings. Instead, focus your energies on the simple things in life. Share quiet moments with family and friends. Always learn from the mistakes of others.

Virgo - Aug 24/Sept 22

You may have to do more of the giving than the taking in a romantic relationship this week. Although this may seem frustrating at first, you'll feel good about it later on. News of a birth or engagement will be a pleasant surprise. Ignore gossip; especially if it's in the workplace.

Libra - Sept 23/Oct 23

A happy week overall. You'll realize that life is good. Your work schedule may be a bit more hectic than usual, but you'll find great satisfaction in your creative pursuits. There are many happy and romantic moments to be enjoyed this weekend. Your partner may have a special surprise for you. Always strive to be your best.

Scorpio - Oct 24/Nov 22

Your intensity and drive will get you exactly what you want this week. After all, hard work is no stranger to you. Problems may arise in a romantic relationship. Patience will be needed in this area. A good week to enter contests and play lotteries. Make the time for exercise.

Sagittarius - Nov 23/Dec 21

A new activity will be the source of stress and excitement at the same time. All you need to do is relax, and you will be able to really enjoy yourself. Accept unusual social invitations if a new romance is what you desire. Financial success will only come to those who are serious about saving.

Capricorn - Dec 22/Jan 20

An unexpected expense may set your finances back this week. You may have to make some sacrifices if you wish to balance your budget. A chance meeting with an old flame reminds you of the past. A feeling of nostalgia will warm your heart. A good time to catch up on correspondence.

Aquarius - Jan 21/Feb 18

Your enthusiastic nature helps a friend get through a hard time. A few words of advice and encouragement will go a long way. Try not to put tasks off until the last minute as they may take longer than you expect. A creative endeavor turns out a lot better than you'd ever imagined.

Pisces - Feb 19/March 20

An unreliable friend does something else to disappoint you. You'll realize that there are some people you just cannot count on. Good news from an unexpected source brightens the latter part of the week for you. If a change of scene is what you desire, now's the time to take a trip.

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REVISED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To: City-wide
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Subject: **MUNICIPAL CODE TEXT AMENDMENT 98-5 (MCTA 99-1)**
Proposed revisions to Title 16 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code regarding **the subdivision of land within Sierra Madre.**

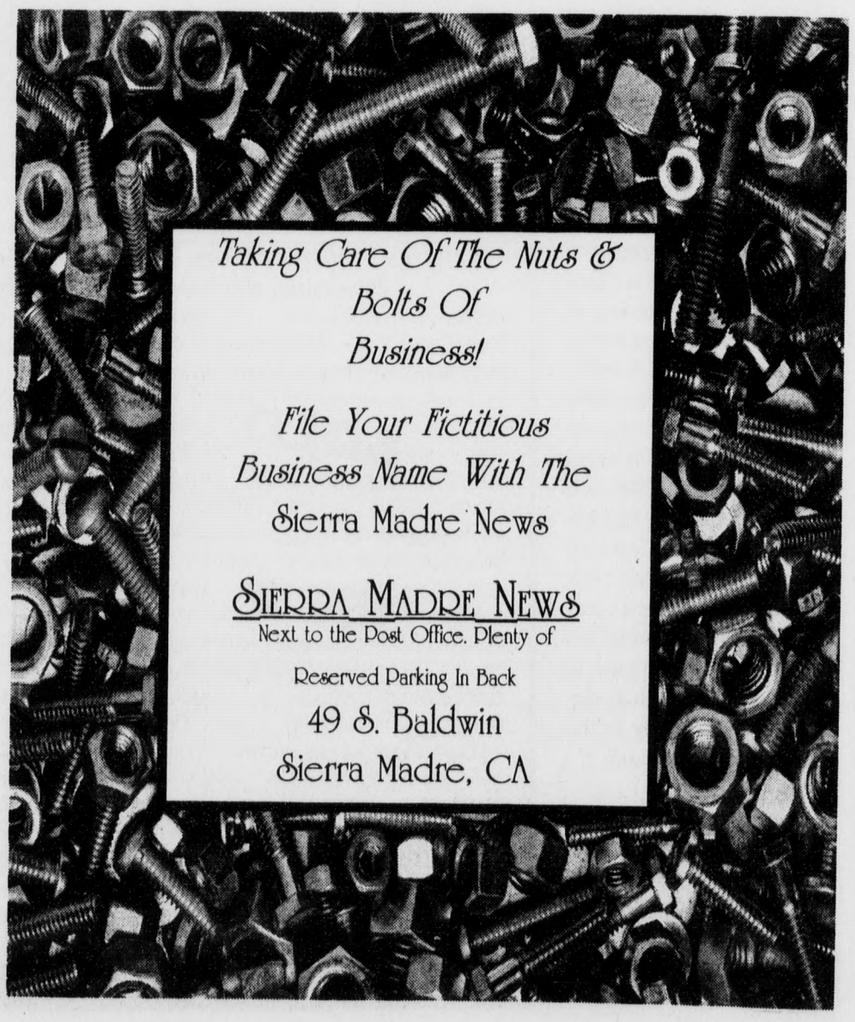
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre
The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The proposed amendment is the addition of the new Title 16, which provides standards, criteria, and provisions for the subdivision of land pursuant to the California State Subdivision Map Act. The proposed project is consistent with the City of Sierra Madre General Plan.

DATE AND TIME OF HEARING	PLACE OF HEARING
City of Sierra Madre Planning Commission meeting	City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers
Thursday, January 21, 1999 (meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.)	232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.
PROJECT LOCATION: City-wide; in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California.
ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: An initial study was conducted for this project, and the results of the initial study indicate that there is not a potential for a significant impact upon the environment, therefore, a Negative Declaration will be prepared.
NOTE: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of Planning Commission in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.
By Order of the Planning Commission

Brian K. Lee,
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Live Nude Girls

Can't Happen in Arcadia? Check with the Supreme Court

By Dan Oakes

Residents who objected last year to a tattoo parlor in Arcadia may be in for the shock of their lives. It is strongly expected at City Hall that soon an application will be filed for a fully nude "juice bar" to be located in Arcadia and open to customers as young as age 18. Residents believing that such a proposal would never get by City staff or City Council are in for an even bigger surprise: The City is powerless to keep such establishments out.

The difference between a strip club and a card casino, which cities may allow or not allow at their discretion, is that the strip club has been granted First Amendment protection by the United States Supreme Court, according to City Attorney Michael Miller.

City representatives including Miller have met with the proposed operators of what may become Arcadia's first totally nude entertainment facility at 11580 Clark Avenue, in an industrial section of the City that many residents aren't even aware is Arcadia.

Miller fully expects to receive an application at City Hall, and in his estimation and the estimation of an attorney specializing in Constitutional issues, retained by the City, Arcadia will be powerless to keep them out. "We've had a good ordinance on the books for 11 years now," Miller says. "We have not yet seen an application for such an establishment. The law has changed during that 11-year period, however."

Those changes have included case law that dictates that any City must allow such adult businesses. "We can prescribe locations that minimize the negative secondary effects of such establishments, but we can't regulate content," Miller said.

Those 'negative secondary effects,' according to studies cited by Miller, are pretty much what you'd expect: crime, blight, drug traffic, and a general downgrading of the neighborhoods they come into.

A City has the power to set parameters within which the proposed adult business must locate. In Arcadia, for instance, such businesses cannot be within 1,000 feet of a school, nor within 750 feet of a residential zone. However, if the layout of the City is such that there are no existing locations which meet the guidelines set forth in the relevant sections of the Municipal Code, then that City is in violation of Federal law. In other words, you can tell them where in the City they must locate, but you have to make room for them somewhere.

The alternative, according to Miller, is bleak. "Cities that take a hard-line stance and say to heck with the law, they're not coming in here are going to rack up hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees, maybe up to a million dollars, and they're going to lose."

Make no mistake: Adult businesses are lucrative, and they come with attorneys well-versed in the relevant law, which currently backs their right to come into whatever city they choose. Once thought to be relegated to the seedy cities, strip clubs are now cropping up in places as unlikely as Beverly Hills.

While Miller notes that a proposed deal may always fall through, or owners may find another potential location, he expects to get paperwork soon. Adult businesses are not even subject to conditional use permits, according to Miller.

Mayor Gary Kovacic, needless to say, is not thrilled with the idea. "Obviously, I'm as concerned as anyone," he said last night. "I think I'm in agreement with most Arcadians when I say that the best thing would have been for them to file their application in another City, but we're going to do as much as we can to mitigate the effects of this type of business. We're going to do as much as we can to restrict certain negative types of activities at the location without violating anyone's Constitutional rights."

Kovacic said that he was not intimidated by the financial clout of adult businesses, but added, "It would not be prudent to get involved in an expensive lawsuit that we have on good authority we would not win." He further added that the potential owners of the business in question have thus far been very cooperative and willing to work with City staff to mitigate the negative effects of their proposed business.

Celebrating 100 Years in Style

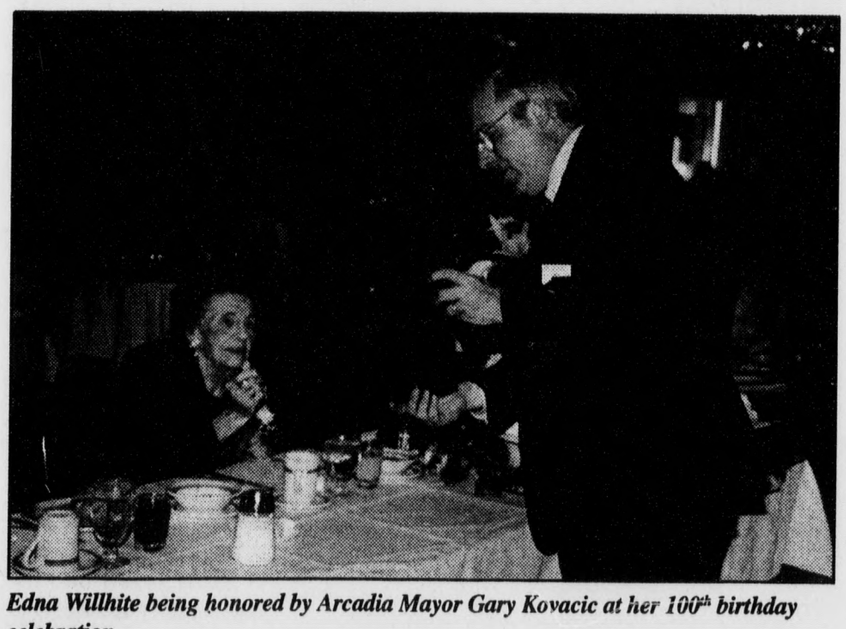
By Helen Simmons Conroy

On Saturday, December 12, 1998, Edna Willhite celebrated the approach of her 100th birthday. It was celebrated with a bang where she resides at Arcadia Garden Retirement Hotel in Arcadia. Arcadia Mayor, Gary Kovacic and his wife, Barbara, presented Edna and her family with City pins and declared, Tuesday, December 15 (Edna's actual birthday) "Edna Willhite Day" in Arcadia. She was the toast of the day, surrounded by family, friends and fellow residents as Arcadia Garden Activity Director, Debbie Vermilya, and Administrator, Julie Chirikian, presented a slide show on her life. Official greetings were read and presented to Edna including a letter from Governor Peter Wilson and President William Clinton. Family in attendance included son-in-law, Glenn Jett, granddaughter, Linda Merchain and her husband, Ray, and great granddaughters, Lisa, Nikki and Katie Cavazos. Close family friend, John Parkinson, and Norma and Roy Whetstone, friends of Edna's since the 1940's, completed the group of celebrants who filled the day with fun in honoring a very special lady.

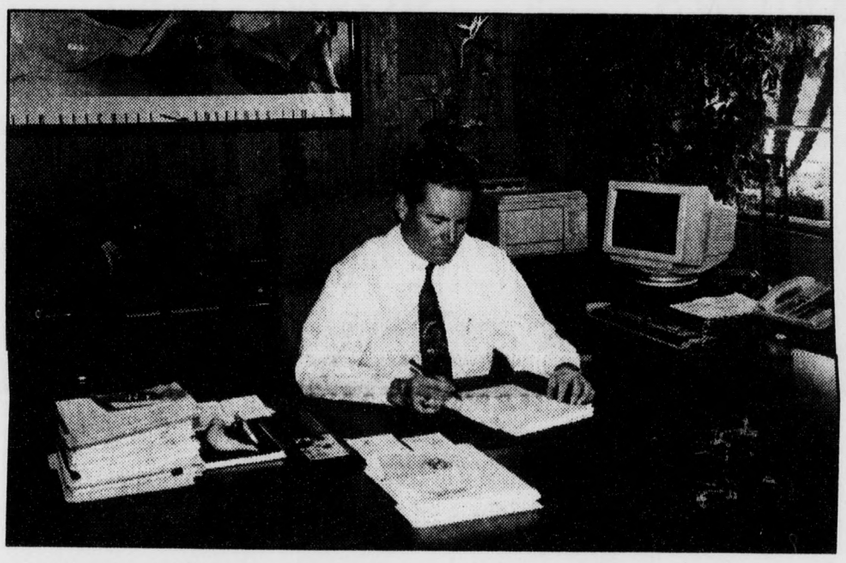
Born Edna Herbert, Edna was the daughter of a plumber and a candy factory worker in Denver, Colorado. A good student in high school, she married at the age of twenty-one. Though the marriage didn't work out, it brought a great joy to Edna's life, a daughter, Helen. Edna carried on as a single mother working hard to make ends meet. In the 1930s, Edna moved to Hollywood, California. In an account written by her only granddaughter, Linda, Edna's life with her daughter, Helen was described. "They had plenty of hard times", but Edna just kept on working. (Edna lived through two World Wars, other wars, and the great depression.)"

Though Edna worked hard most of her life, the work was never monotonous, often enterprising and creative. Quick with numbers, she was a bookkeeper for a Buick dealer. Using her expertise on the keyboard, she landed a job playing a huge pipe organ at the movie theatre before there were "talkies". She started up her own busi-

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Edna Willhite being honored by Arcadia Mayor Gary Kovacic at her 100th birthday celebration.



City Manager Bill Kelly believes that things are looking for Y2K.

Arcadia Prepares for Y2K

By Dan Oakes

The City of Arcadia continues to work on the Y2K problem, as the clock moves to 11 1/2 months and counting before January 1, 2000. City Manager Bill Kelly believes that things are looking good at City Hall.

"I believe that what we have is essentially 11 months of fine tuning. We have a handle on the big issues," said Kelly.

City staff has spent some time preparing for Y2K, and Arcadia's assorted department heads have been taking an inventory of equipment and potential problems, as well as a cost analysis for temporary equipment or overtime, if needed, to mitigate the effects of Y2K. The conventional Y2K wisdom has shifted from mass hysteria to a belief that most of the larger problems will be under control, along with the understanding and acceptance that some minor inconveniences will be unavoidable.

Kelly is in the process of going over the reports of the department heads, and expects to report to the City Council soon.

Following the review of the systems and equipment inventories, City staff will be making contingency plans and talking to vendors and suppliers about equipment. Every department is responsible for its own preparedness, except for with respect to the desktop computers, copiers, and other such equipment, which are the responsibility of Administrative Services.

Kelly notes that public safety will be a primary concern, and points out that the Police Department and Fire Department have been working longer on gathering the relative data.

"I want to get a handle on the costs for the entire City," Kelly added. "We want to make some worst case assumptions, but we're being realistic."

One of the problems that Arcadia may have is that not all of their equipment is strictly Arcadia equipment. "We have so many interconnects with Los Angeles County and that State, and the utility companies will have their own issues to work out," he says.

The City will be running tests later in the year, and is treating the issue as it would a disaster preparedness exercise. "The City's Emergency Operations Center has one or two full disaster drills each year, and I'm very satisfied with its performance," Kelly said. The potential malfunction of systems is comparable to losing those systems in an earthquake. Kelly mentioned the possibility of having a skeleton crew in the Emergency Operations Center on New Year's Eve, with rented portable generators, if needed.

The City is going under the assumption that some things will fail. The problem with Y2K is, until push comes to shove, it's not obvious which systems will fail and which will be fine. The City's primary focus is on the water and sewer systems, the vehicle fleet, and the traffic signals, as well as police and fire communications equipment.

Some computer problems will be handled by Windows '98 upgrades. The operating system is

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911 CALLS

Wed., January 6, 1999

1. At 10:39 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Fairview regarding a residential burglary. About $3000 in jewelry were taken from the residence between December 23 and December 29 when the 82-year-old victim was hospitalized. The victim suspects that her 51-year-old son may have stolen the items, and detectives are handling the follow-up investigation.

2. Units were dispatched to the 300 block of Old Ranch about 6:38 p.m. to investigate a strong arm robbery that occurred at the Von's parking lot located at 133 East Foothill. The victim advised that she was standing by her vehicle when she was approached by three male suspects between the ages of 15 and 17. One suspect attempted to grab her backpack while another suspect took her cellular phone. The victim screamed and all three suspects ran from the scene with only the cellular phone.

Sat., January 9, 1999

3. Around 10:49, units responded to the 600 block of West Camino Real regarding a stabbing victim. Officers arrived at the scene and found the 20-year-old victim with a puncture wound to his left abdominal area. AFD paramedics treated the victim at the scene and transported him to Huntington Memorial Hospital. Doctors at the hospital advised that the puncture wound could have killed the victim.

Investigation at the scene revealed that the victim was at the location attending a party when he was approached by two male/Hispanic suspects and one male/African-American suspect. A brief verbal confrontation escalated into a physical fight and the victim was stabbed. The suspects then fled the scene in several vehicles, and officers conducted traffic stops in an attempt to locate the suspects. Once 21-year-old male/Hispanic suspect, who matched one of the suspects' descriptions, was arrested for attempted murder when officers found a knife and screwdriver in a vehicle.

Mon., January 11, 1999

4. Around 11:55 p.m., units were sent to the 400 block of East Duarte to investigate a residential burglary. Unknown suspect(s) entered the residence by prying open a window sometime between 7:45 p.m. and 11:50 p.m. The suspect(s) removed jewelry and cash from the home.

Tues., January 12, 1999

5. Officers were called to the Elite Westerner, 161 Colorado, at 5:33 a.m. regarding a theft from a vehicle. Between 11:45 p.m. on January 11 and 5:30 a.m. on January 12, unknown suspect(s) entered the camper portion of the vehicle and stole over $4700 in tools, electronic equipment, and a handgun.

6. A subject called APD to report that his friend had given him a stolen vehicle as payment for an outstanding debt. The suspect purchased the 1998 Mercedes by using a fraudulent check in Beverly Hills.

7. At 2:27 p.m., officers responded to the Eastbound 210 freeway, just East of Second Avenue, regarding a fatal traffic collision. A vehicle went airborne and struck a tree when the driver swerved to avoid colliding with another vehicle. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene. APD officers assisted with traffic control, and CHP conducted the collision investigation.

White Christmas Brightens Holiday Season

One hundred seventy-nine Arcadia families were able to have a happier holiday season, thanks to the efforts of the Arcadia White Christmas program, according to Mary Pounds, welfare director for the Arcadia Welfare & Thrift Shop, which coordinates the holiday program.

Among the recipients who received food, gift certificates and toys were 318 children under the age of 12 years. Eight senior citizens and 146 teenagers were also among those who benefited from the program started 68 years ago when Elsie Porri, principal of Holly Avenue Elementary School, suggested that, instead of the usual exchange of Christmas gifts, the teaching staff bring flour, sugar and other staples to give as gifts to families in need.

This season, canned goods as well as money were contributed by Arcadia school children, while local service clubs, organizations, businesses and residents donated funds used for grocery store and clothing certificates.

In addition, PTA volunteers helped organize the hundreds upon hundreds of canned goods. This year, members of the Highland Oaks Elementary School Student Council, also helped sort cans and pack boxes for distribution to needy Arcadia families. Student volunteers included Andrew Macintosh, student body president, and Stacie Chan, Scott Gregg and Kelsey Jacobsen. Debra Sarkisian is faculty advisor to the student council.

Helping during the distribution were members of Arcadia Police Explorer Post 101, including Joshua Hubbard, Wesley Pack, Rudy Rodriquez and Lupe Swartzbaugh.



(l-r) Wesley Pack, Hal Libby, Joshua Hubbard, Russ Shoemaker, Lupe Swartzbaugh & Rudy Rodriquez.

"We could not be successful without the time and effort of many individuals and organizations who donate their time, gather food and contribute funds," said Hal Libby, who served as co-chairman of White Christmas with Russ Shoemaker.

Also assisting with the program were Ruth Gib, president of the Arcadia Welfare and Thrift Shop board of directors, and members Jayne Bellin, Edith Casey, Dick Cordano, Peter Daily, Robert Haas, Terry Jones, Jim Kuhn Lamb, John Pape and Jo Ann Scott.

City Turns to Commercial Sector to Meet AB 939 Requirements

By Dan Oakes

The Arcadia City Council last week approved contracting with Americlean, an environmental consulting services company proposing to assist the City in meeting its State-mandated refuse diversion rates by instituting a commercial program within the City.

"The residential sector is doing pretty much all it can do, and it's doing a very good job," said Management Analyst Bryan Boeskin. "Now, we need some help from the commercial sector."

The proposed program is based on a win-win philosophy, and much of its success depends on how easily Americlean will be able to explain to business owners that it makes good financial sense for them to recycle. Arcadia, like all other cities in California, faces steep fines if 50% of refuse computed from a baseline year earlier in the decade is not being diverted (translation, for practical purposes: recycled) by the year 2000.

The most recent report sent to the State was for the year 1997, and showed a 35% diversion rate in the residential sector. That's the good news. The bad news is, diversion in the commercial sector is reported at under 5%.

There are two basic reasons that commercial recycling is reported at such a low rate: One is, businesses don't recycle all that much. Their owners don't all live in town, and it's easier when running a business to just dump everything in a large bin. The second reason is, even when businesses do have a recycling program, there's no mechanism for the City to monitor their diversion, so Arcadia doesn't get credit for it. That will change as a result of last week's action, as one of Americlean's services is a survey that will attempt to quantify recycling rates currently in process.

The brunt of the increase will come from the technical assistance Americlean offers to large and medium sized businesses in town, showing them the potential for recycling, and the benefits. What benefits? Well, it costs money to haul things off to be dumped. For businesses that generate a large waste stream, it costs quite a bit of money.

"The best approach is simply to show them the economic advantage," Boeskin says. "For many businesses, up to 85% or more of what they're paying to be hauled off to the dump may be recyclable, and they can get it out of there for no charge or a comparably small charge. It's cost effective for them, and it's important for the City to get credit for the commercial recycling."

From the City's perspective, Boeskin adds, it helps the various businesses in town who call City Hall and have an interest in recycling; prior to last week's decision, the City had no program to offer those businesses.

BJ's Pizza, Grill & Brewery To Open

A new family restaurant with hearty, award-winning fare and microbrews is coming to Arcadia.

BJ's Pizza, Grill & Brewery, owned and operated by Chicago Pizza & Brewery, Inc. (NASDAQ:CHGO), will open to the public on "restaurant row" on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 400 E. Huntington Drive. Preview evenings with invited guests on Jan. 19 and 20 will benefit Arcadia-based National Childhood Cancer Foundation.

BJ's began 20 years ago as a traditional pizzeria serving deep-dish, Chicago-style pizza. Today, along with its award-winning pizza, BJ's presents a full menu, features inviting interior design, and brews its own line of stellar lagers and ales. Like BJ's pizza, the beers have won numerous awards, including prestigious medals from the 1996 and 1998 Great American Beer Festival, the 1998 California and Colorado state fairs, and the 1998 World Beer Championships. Some restaurants are breweries. All others — brewhouses — serve the specialty brews.

The extensive menu offers such favorites as ribs, chicken and steaks, fresh pastas and salads; grilled burgers and sandwiches. And, of course there's BJ's signature "pizookie" dessert - a warm, flavorful cookie prepared in a mini deep-dish pizza pan, then smothered with vanilla bean ice cream.

"We tend to integrate well with spirited communities - those communities that balance education, culture, and commerce. Family-driven Arcadia is a natural for the BJ's concept. Discovering the new site was a highlight for our development plans," said Paul Motenko, CEO of Chicago Pizza & Brewery, Inc.

The 7,400-square-foot, 250-seat restaurant features an ample dining area and lively bar, serving lunch and dinner daily. Hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The company is led by Motenko and President Jerry Hennessy, who have seen revenues increase between 9 percent and 16 percent each year since they purchased the then privately held company, called BJ's Chicago Pizzeria, in 1995.

Today's Thoroughbred Fans Can Become Tomorrow's Thoroughbred Owners

Thoroughbred racing fans can get an insider look at what it takes to become a successful racehorse owner at a free "Horse Course" presented by Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) at Santa Anita Park on January 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

"This workshop is for dreamers," says TOC President John Van de Kamp. "For anyone who has dreamed of owning a Thoroughbred racehorse but hasn't been sure how to get started, it's a unique opportunity to meet and learn from people who are already successful in the sport and know the ropes."

The two-hour Course will feature presentations by successful owners on various topics, including the costs of ownership, acquiring a horse, and how to locate and choose a trainer.

Following the presentations, participants will have the opportunity to meet some of racing's finest trainers and visit their operations first-hand as they tour the Santa Anita barn area.

TOC's "Horse Course" will be held at Clockers' Corner, at the west end of Santa Anita's Grandstand. The program will begin at 8:00 a.m., and last approximately two hours. Although the workshop is free, advanced reservations are requested.

Thoroughbred Owners of California is a state-mandated organization serving new, veteran and future Thoroughbred owners. Founded in 1993 and officially recognized in 1995, TOC is dedicated to representing, advancing, and protecting owners in legislative, administrative, and business matters.

Other programs presented by the TOC, in addition to "Horse Courses" include Conformation Clinics and Advanced Horse courses. For more information about the seminar and to make reservations, contact the TOC at (800) 994-9909 in California and (626) 574-6620 out-of-state.

Arcadia Senior Mens Club Looking For New Members

The Arcadia Senior Mens Club is accepting new members. Arcadia residency is not required.

Play bridge, pinochle, chess or fellowship. The group meets at the assistance league Community House, 100 So. Santa Anita Avenue from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch is provided for a nominal fee or bring your own. We meet every Monday.

The group is open to men 50 or older. Our annual dues are $2.00 (two). For more information, call (626) 574-9006.

Celebrating 100 Years

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ness in Cerritos as the owner of a ceramic store, until the earthquake of 1952 destroyed all of her wares. Being resilient and resourceful, she used her love and talent for sewing to switch to selling children's clothing in her store. In later years she used her sewing knowledge as an employee of Maxines Yardage Store until she was seventy-two.

Her granddaughter recalled that she had two loves. "Edna loved to sew and garden, as her mother had done. She kept her granddaughter clothed until she was a grown woman. She could also make anything grow. It was said of Edna many times that she could put a broom in the ground and make it grow!"

Though Edna spent a lot of her life on her own, she did eventually remarry. Her granddaughter, Linda, described how she met a very special man in her life. "In 1945, she married a man who won over her heart with his beautiful poetry, Fred Willhite." She became a grandmother in 1947, when Helen gave birth to Edna's only grandchild, Linda. Unfortunately, Fred died from a heart attack while driving his car, in 1954.

As a widow, Edna's life remained very full. She continued to have a very close and loving relationship with her daughter, Helen, her granddaughter, Linda, and son-in-law, Glenn Jett. Sadly, Helen passed away, in 1992.

Until she was ninety-two years old, Edna drove her '54 Chevy. She lived on her own in her house until she was ninety-three years old, at which time she decided to move to Arcadia Gardens Retirement Hotel. At one hundred years old, she still has many interests and keeps very active. She enjoys watching her three great granddaughters grow. She continues to takes pride in her excellent penmanship and spelling. Along with playing Bingo, dancing, and playing piano, she enjoys shopping at the Arcadia Mall. As her granddaughter, Linda, put it, "Life is still full for Edna Willhite at age 100!" And the way Edna lives life is still full of style.

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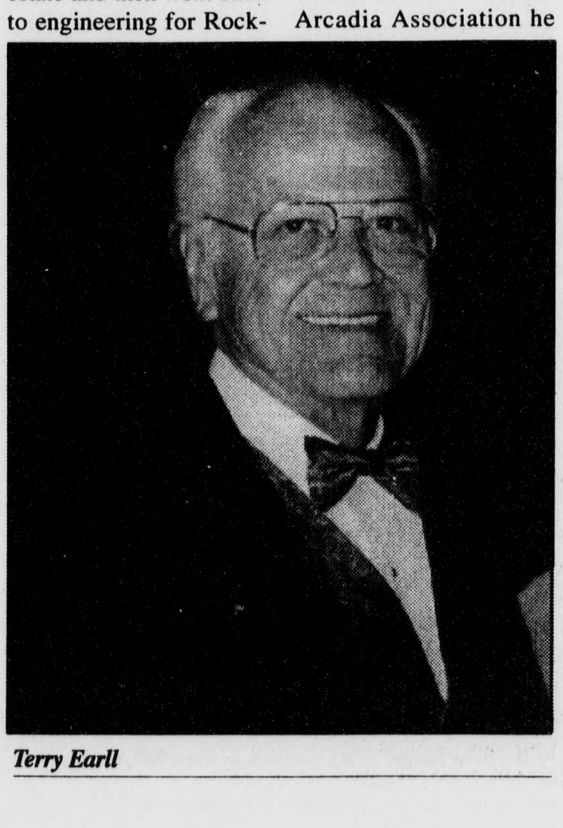
Third Generation Of Earll's

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at the corner of Second and Duarte Road in Arcadia. Subdividing chicken ranches prompted Joe St. to open a real estate office at the same location..

Joe Earll, Jr. began his career in the Air Corp. and during World War II he flew B-26's in combat from England. Later he was Commander of two air bases in Korea. He also served as the personal pilot of South Korean President Rhee. He retired from the Air Force in 1964. He then went into real estate with Joe, Sr. but shortly after opened an office in Mammoth, CA. In '71, Joe Sr. passed away and Joe Jr. kept both offices running by flying back and forth until 1976 when he sold the Mammoth office to his manager. In '74 he bought Century 21 franchises for both offices. This was the year that Terry joined the firm.

Terry attended high school in Grand Prairie, Texas. He went to the University of Texas at Arlington and graduated as a mechanical engineer. It was while working as an engineer in Israel that he met his wife, Gitta. She was also working as a mechanical engineer. Terry worked for a year in real estate and then went back to engineering for Rockwell working on the B-1 bombers and the space shuttle. Later, he again returned to real estate with Gitta who had become a REALTOR.



Terry Earll

Terry served as President of the Monrovia-Duarte Board of REALTORS in 1985. At the Arcadia Association he has served as Chairman of Budget and Finance, Treasurer and member of the MLS. Grievance and Professional Standards Committees...and now as President.

Those who attended Terry's Installation, or "Coronation" as Terry called it, know the highlight of the evening was the wonderful testimonial to their father given by Terry and Gitta's two sons, David, 23 and Ryan, 21. They reminisced about being sons of REALTORS putting up for sale signs and eating dinner at 11 p.m. They pointed out that behind this fine father was that great woman, their mother, Gitta.

Terry's hobbies are golf and rebuilding "Hot Rod" cars. He holds a private pilot's license which he hopes he will find time to use in the future. Not this year, Terry! You are going to be very busy with your goal of getting the agents at the Arcadia Association of REALTORS into the 20th Century technology.

Y2K

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Y2K compliant. A mainframe and software correction expenditure has been approved by City Council. The Maintenance Services Department reports that the vehicle fleet will not be a problem, and an exercise will likely point out potential problems in traffic signals.

"It's weird how adverse some people want to paint this picture," Kelly said. "Not everything will go off without a hitch, but we will be working to ensure that there will be minimal disruption to Arcadians' day to day lives."

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By Harry Martin

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from bins beside the counter.

There was no produce market as we know it, but cabbage, potatoes, and dry onions were always available. Mr. Bettler always had oranges and lemons on hand. The oranges were from Florida and were called "Blood Oranges" because of the color of the juice. Quite often, a stem of bananas was hanging by a rope from the ceiling. Oranges, lemons and bananas were all sold by the dozen, not by the pound. In late summer, there was always a good supply of melons, grown on his own farm. We called these "musk melons", but a lot of people still called them "mush melons". In those days we had never heard of the word "cantaloupe".

On the counter was an old-fashioned coffee grinder with a heavy fly wheel. Next to it was a vintage brass cash register and, almost always on the counter next to it, was a wheel of cheese. In the center of the store was an old-fashioned pot-bellied stove, and near the wall was a tin cupboard, perhaps five feet tall, four feet wide, and a foot deep. The different compartments held cookies and ginger snaps. I'm sure the first Fig Newton I ever ate came from that tin cupboard.

The store was always busy, but Saturday was especially busy, as the store was never open on Sunday. It was busiest on Saturday morning in the winter because the farmers preferred to come at that time of day, instead of driving in the evening. The farmers got their weekly shave while the wives did the shopping. They were all dressed in warm clothes with heavy scarves wound around their heads and over their faces. The women's footwear in those days was abominable and they most certainly couldn't have been comfortable in wintertime. The men were luckier. They had heavy wool socks over which was pulled a felt boot. The boot was one-half inch thick and made of wool. They were worn over heavy socks and then overshoes put on over it all. some even put straw in the bottom of the overshoe for extra insulation.

The hot stove was the centerpiece on winter days. People gathered around it and talked of births and deaths and health in general, and, of course, the weather. They came not just for food, but for warmth and gossip. We didn't discuss nuclear power or bombs of missiles. What happened to the families of our hometown was the most important topic of conversation.

Mt. Bettler started early in life working hard and for long hours. This, combined with a sharp business sense, enabled him to retire in late middle age. He sold his store and home in Keithsburg and moved to Hollywood. There he built a small four-unit apartment house on Selma Avenue, just south of Grauman's Egyptian Theater, and settled down to a well-earned retirement. I visited Bettler's often in the next twenty years and was often regaled with stories of the hijinx and practical jokes that were played in the store. There was a man in our town who was untidy in all ways and he often came into Mt. Bettler's Store and made a nuisance of himself. He though he was God's gift to women and would always try to engage a woman in conversation. It annoyed the lady and infuriated Mr. Bettler. Once, when the self-appointed lotherio was operating, Mr. Bettler sneaked around behind him and poured a large tin cup of water in his overcoat pocket. Soon, there was a stream of water going down the pest's pant leg. He left the store and never came back. Mr. Bettler had a hearty laugh when he told me that story.

Mrs. Bettler was a small, intense woman and very religious. Once she said, "I hope when I get to heaven God has a nice interesting job for me." Her husband almost jumped out of his chair. "Job," he shouted, "Who wants a job? I want to go fishing."

Henry Bettler died in 1948, and I was one of the six men chosen to be his pall bearers. As we carried him to his final resting place, we carried more that the mortal body of a man. With him went a symbol of an Americana that would soon disappear forever.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Arcadia Christian Reformed Church

Puzzled about what the Bible really teaches? Want some answers to life's questions? The Arcadia Christian Reformed Church at 1741 S. Baldwin Ave. is offering a seven week course in contemporary Reformed teaching. The course is taught by Rev. Sid Sybenga Sunday nights at at p.m. starting February 7 and ending March 21. Reformed Theology is classic and time tested Christian teaching dating back to the Reformation. This course will speak to the issues of today's world with relevance and depth. Do you want a life giving perspective to guide you into the next century? Come and check it out. The Arcadia Christian Reformed Church is a community of local people wanting to share God's grace with others. Call 445-1469 for more information.

Foothill Center Of Religious Science

This Sunday, the Foothill Center of Religious Science features the talented duo, BRYAN & GILMORE, who will provide music at the 10:00 a.m. service. The Reverend Michael Speer will speak on the topic, "The Way It Works." "Funday" school is offered at 9:30 a.m. The Foothill Center meets at 33 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., at Baldwin, in the Sierra Madre Masonic Temple.

On January 29, 1999 at 7:30 p.m., Bryan & Gilmore will be joined by the headlining duo, WAYNE & BRENDA for an all-star Cabaret entitled "4 FRIENDS (Who Are Very Vocal About It!") Tickets are on sale now, with reserved seats and discount pricing for advance purchases - $13.50, or 2 for $25 ($15.00 at the door on night of show.) Door prizes include artwork by artist Susan Rios, who will be on hand to personalize the artwork prizes on show night.

For more information about the Cabaret or the Foothill Center, please call (626) 447-JOY-1 (5691) or (818) 248-4006.

Sierra Madre United Methodist Church

This Sunday, January 17, Rev. Inman Moore will kick off the 1999 Adult Forum Series at SMUMC with a 4-week-long class on *How the Bible Came to Be.* The class meets in the Choir Room at 10:45 a.m. The worship celebration begins at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Rich's sermon this Sunday will be *Trust in the Word.*

Rev. Moore and his wife Nellie brought their family to Southern California in the 1960s from their home state of Mississippi. One of the reasons for their move was Inman's opposition to racial segregation in the Methodist Church at that time.

There used to be a *separate but equal* jurisdiction for African-Americans known as the Central Jurisdiction in our denomination. Those favored abolishing the Central Jurisdiction were punished for doing the right thing. Due to the courage of pastors and church members both white and black, the Central Jurisdiction was eventually abolished.

SMUMC invites and accepts all who wish to attend our services and receive the love and Good News of Jesus Christ.

One-Man Play on Founder of Methodism

by Fran Syverson

The life of John Wesley, England's evangelist/reformer who founded Methodism, will be portrayed by Roger Nelson in a one-man play Sun., Jan. 24, at 4 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist.)

Roger Nelson brings Wesley back to life as he, clothed in 18th Century garb complete with powdered wig, presents "The Man From Aldersgate," which won an Angel award at the 1989 Religion In Media's awards. Nelson has appeared in numerous roles in films, television commercials and on stage.

In his time, Wesley preached 42,000 sermons as he traveled throughout Great Britain on horseback. Nelson has given more than 900 performances on all six continents, traveling worldwide on airplane.

The community is invited. Proceeds from a free-will offering will be distributed in Honduras for assistance in the Hurricane Mitch relief effort through UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

For more information, phone the church office, (626) 447-2181.

Wedding Announcement

Linda Kay Tiberi and Vincent John Foley, Jr. were wed in a double ring ceremony on October 17, 1998 at St. Bede's Catholic Church, La Canada-Flintridge. The reception was held at the Red Lion Hotel in Glendale. The bride was given away by her father, John Tiberi. The Maid of Honor was Victoria Tiberi and bridesmaids were: Shannon Scott, Melia Crousore and Sara Tiberi. Flower girl was Amy Tiberi. The Best Man was Robert Crousore and ushers were: David Piper, Jerry Schaffer, John Tiberi, John Da Vega and Kevin Bertonneau. Ring bearer was Zachary Ingram. Parents of the bride are Nancy and John Tiberi from Claremont, Ca.

Linda graduated from Claremont High School in 1988 and St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana in 1992 and majored Elementary Education. In 1995 she received her Master's Degree in Curriculum & Instructions from Azusa Pacific University. Her occupations



Linda Kay Tiberi and Vincent John Foley, Jr.

is Teacher Coordinator with the Pasadena Unified School District.

Vincent, a resident of Arcadia graduated from St. Francis High School, La Canada in 1987 and University of California, Berkeley in 1991 with a Bachelor's Degrees in Economics and Political Science. His occupation is Assistant Vice President, American Title Company in Glendale. Parents of the groom are Dolores and Vincent John Foley, Sr. from Arcadia.

Their honeymoon was spent in Ireland for one week and are now residing in their new home in La Crescenta, CA.



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Rusty Remembers

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for Charley and me and $25 for each of the two rodmen. No sooner had I stated the total cost of $1,050, the president jumped out of his chair, shook my hand and said that we had a deal. His next words were however, a crushing blow, as he said that the lowest bid had been $250 a day, with a minimum of ten days.

On the long ride home, both of us had visions of that extra $100 flying off to heaven, ours for the asking if only we had been somewhat smarter. Fifty dollars a day down the tube. But, our frustrations were only beginning. Not only did we bid too low, but had failed consider a cook in our bid, a very sad discovery the first day on the job. Who, among us, wanted to slave over a hot stove to feed four very hungry men? Knowing, that eating cold rations out of can would never do, we tried to think of someone who, short of partial insanity, would even consider such a proposal. The only solution, was for me to hike out that night, drive Pasadena and call my dear wife and, hopefully, induce her to take the job, without pay of course. But, California being a Community Property State, she would in effect, be entitled to half of what I made, $25. Despite the fact, that she was busy in her own world and the fact, that she would also have to hike two miles between where we would park the car to the homestead cabin, she made the right decision. She not only saved the day, but made it possible to complete the contract with absolutely no grumbling from the crew. Had she known that the area of the hike and the cabin itself was alive with Rattlesnakes, no amount of urging on my part would have sold her on this sorry deal. Though we did not have any unfortunate encounters on the way in or out, we did find her with her feet in the cold oven one evening after work, thinking that she had heard a "snake" in the woodpile. That particular meal was somewhat later than usual.

When the field work was completed on time, thanks to this most remarkable gal, our vision of a "bundle" were long gone. The two engineers had to spend every free minute after work, interpolating and constructing the topo map, time that we had not even considered in our original bid. By the time that the topographic map was completed, I still made less than my darling wife in her own field. When figured out in cold hard reality, we made somewhat less that $2.50 an hour and had used up a week of our vacation time. We did however, gain a most valuable lesson. Never bid on any job without considering **ALL THE FACTS.**

One other thing that we did learn and still appreciate to this day. Where would men be without the great women we married, who without pay, comforts or benefits, made it possible for many of us to make a career with the U. S. Forest Service, the greatest organization on earth?

Huck Finn Fishing Derby

Fishing in Sierra Madre? Feeling a little like Huck Finn, Tom Sawyer or Becky Thatcher? Why, of course. In cooperation with the Civic Club, Kiwanis of Sierra Madre, Rotary Club of Sierra Madre and the Sierra Madre Volunteer Firefighters' Assoc., the Recreation Department is sponsoring the annual fishing derby for children ages 3 to 15 years. Prizes will be awarded for the first through third places in each age category. If you have any questions regarding fishing, feel free to call us at 355-5278.

Date: Saturday, February 20, 1999. Cost is $2.00 per child. Time & Age: 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. 3,4,5,6 - Pond I 7,8,9 - Pond II and from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. 10,11,12 - Pond I '13,14,15 - Pond II.

After one hour of fishing in your designated pond you may go fishing in the other pond. Awards ceremony to follow the end of the Derby (1:00 p.m.) Family Fishing 1:30 p.m. to sundown. Cost: $5.00 per resident family $7.00 per non-resident family.



Front row (l-r) :Lino Almeida, Adrian Juizer, Eric Claudio, Edgar Benavides & Jimmy Salmeron; back row (l-r) Coach Amir Zandieh, Jason Deiling, Jason Roel, Joshua Tyrell, David Orozco, Arman Zandieh, Andre Lazaro, Juan Gordo, & not pictured Paul Pierre

The Vipers

The Vipers of the AYSO Arcadia Region 2, Division 3 finished the regular season in first place and also won the championship in the Regional League playoffs, defeating Sharks, 7-1 in the final.

Lawn Bowlers Men's Pairs Tournament

The Santa Anita Bowling Green Club recently held it's annual Men's Pairs Tournament at the Arcadia Park Bowling Greens. There were ten teams from the local club participating in the event.

The club recently changed it's method of play from the "A" and "B" flight arrangement to the method used by the American Lawn Bowls Association and the American Women's Lawn Bowls Association in their tournaments. This method selects the tournament winners by their wins, ties, losses and "Plus Points." In this system you get 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, no points for a loss, and the 'Plus Points' would be the difference between your score and your opponent's score. As an example: If you won two games and tied one game you would have 15 Plus Points for a total of 20 points.

In the Men's Pairs Tournament held on the 7th and 8th of January, the team of Doug Ferris (Temple City), and Robert Virza (Pomona) came in first with three wins, no losses and 26 Plus Points.

The Second Place pair were: Jim Whiteley (Sierra Madre), and Bill MacFarland (Temple City). They had two wins, one loss and 8 Plus Points.

The Third Place was shared by two teams: Hector Nevarez (Alhambra), and Herman Cook (Sierra Madre). The second team was: Chuck Browning (San Gabriel) and Marinko Tudor (Arcadia).

This tournament opens the 1999 competitive sea If you would like to learn to lawn bowl, call Gene Plunkett at (626) 351-5327 to arrange for FREE lessons.

Arcadia High Boys Varsity Soccer

The much anticipated Pacific League soccer season officially opened this past Thursday. The Arcadia High School Boys Varsity soccer team matched up against the Pasadena Bulldogs. Noted for its physical style of soccer, Coach Cherif Zien's Bulldogs challenged Arcadia's defense throughout the first period. Additional pressure was placed on the Apaches when Senior veteran goalie, Brad McEachern was issued a red card at the 23rd minute. This left Arcadia with a one man disadvantage. Coach Ben Catlett sent in a brand new goalie, Wayne Tay to guard Arcadia's net. This was to be "trial by fire" as Tay had never been in a Varsity game before. Adversity continued to plague the Apaches when starting fullback, Scotty Barnett left the field with a broken wrist Pasadena wasted little time before testing the short-handed Apaches. At the 28th minute, the bulldogs fired a shot over the net. Within the next minute, Wayne Tay made his first save. Led by Arcadia's wily veteran standout Kevin Hayashi, the now inspired Apache defense frustrated the Bulldogs, and earned a scoreless draw as the first half ended.

Having survived adversity, the Arcadia Apaches gained momentum throughout the second period. They were in part helped by three red cards given to the Bulldogs. The second period opened with shots on goal by Arcadia's Travis Cutler and Bobby Flath. The defining moment occurred at the 49th minute when a Pasadena breakaway shot was smothered by Arcadia's new goalie, Wayne Tay. The Arcadia Apaches scored the game's first goal at the 59th minute when a quick succession of passes from Netza Bravo to Jorge Melendez was converted to a goal by Travis cutler. Arcadia's offensive attack continued, and at the 66th minute, the ball was passed from Yuta Nakatsuka to Jorge Melendez who again fed the ball to Travis Cutler for an easy second goal. The Pasadena Bulldogs had a chance to close the gap on a clean breakaway. However, goalie Wayne Tay charged out to block the shot and preserve a 2-0 shutout for the Apaches.

Concerning other team news, Arcadia's fine freshman Scotty Barnett played his final game as an Apache. Sporting a newly casted, fractured wrist, he will be moving to Virginia. The team wished him well. The Arcadia Apaches travel to play Crescenta Valley next Tuesday, January 12th.

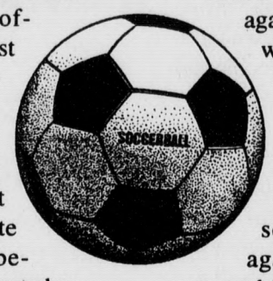
Sierra Madre Pony Baseball Try Outs

Try outs and late sing-ups for the Sierra Madre Pony Baseball will be held on January 16 and January 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The try outs and late sign-ups will be held at Dapper Field (located behind the Sierra Madre Recreation Center and directly behind the Sierra Madre Rose Float Association facility). Sierra Madre, Pasadena, Altadena, and San Gabriel boys ages 13-14 that have not signed up will have the opportunity to sign-up and try out on these days. For more information, please contact Mike Emm at (626) 355-1101.

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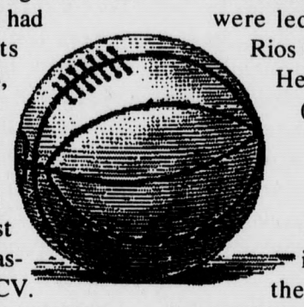
By Dan Oakes

The members of the Arcadia High School girls soccer team must have been offended by last week's article, judging by their play this week. Last week, I wrote what has become an accepted reality in girls soccer: The Pacific League is a two-team league, Arcadia and Crescenta Valley.



The reason I say that I must have offended the team is, judging from the way they played, the Pacific League now appears to be a one-team league - Arcadia. The Lady Apaches decimated Crescenta Valley, 3-0, and the fact of the matter is, it wasn't that close. Crescenta Valley got off three shots, two of which Arcadia goal keeper Darci Carruthers stopped, and the other of which she didn't have to. Arcadia, meanwhile, kept the Lady Falcons on the defensive throughout the game, blasting 23 shots on goal. It could have been a lot worse than 3-0. Granted, the two teams tied both games last year, and also granted, the next game will be on CV's home turf, but it sure appears as if there's been a definite shift in the Pacific League balance of power.

Arcadia also beat Pasadena, 13-0, which is less impressive than beating CV 3-0. Shelly Marshall had two goals against Pasadena and one against CV, with an assist in each game. Kelly Hurley added a goal in each game, while Alexis Cerin had two goals against Pasadena. Amy Marshall scored against Pasadena and added two assists. Lindsey Peeples added two assists against Pasadena, while Jackie Pineda and Katie Rosa had one apiece. Melissa Santana scored twice against Pasadena, and Stephanie Setyadi scored three goals against Pasadena and another against CV, and also had an assist against PHS. Paula Wizel had three assists against PHS, and not to be outdone, Susan Wizel had two goals against PHS and an assist against CV. Arcadia moves to 15-0-1 overall, and 2-0 in league play.



Last AHS girls soccer note - Caitlin Justice, who contributed heavily to AHS's success in each of the past two years, has been out for this year with knee trouble, and will be going for more surgery later this month. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, and the Apaches will be looking forward to having her back next year to defend what looks like an undisputed league title.

Those who heeded my tip and checked out Silver Charm in last Sunday's San Pasqual Stakes were not disappointed. Silver Charm and jockey Gary Stevens let Crafty Friend and Dramatic Gold set the ace, then came back strong to move from third to first in the stretch, finishing the 1 1/16 mile race in 1:41, winning by over a length and paying a whopping 30 cents for each dollar bet. Solid field; impressive victory.

The weekend brought basketball victories for the Maranatha boys and girls over Whittier Christian. Ben Hamady and David Newkirk led the boys with 22 points apiece in a 71-60 win that was a lot closer than it sounded. The Minutemen trailed by one going into the final quarter. Hamady knocked down three 3-pointers.

The Maranatha girls were led by Renee Rios (15 pts) and Heather Heal (14), with a more comfortable 45-31 score giving them their first league victory of the year. The girls soccer team was not so fortunate, as two Rachel Evans goals were not enough in a 4-2 loss, despite outshooting Western Christian, 20-10.

Dionse Cox of Arcadia was announced as one of the leading scorers in the San Gabriel Valley, averaging 21.2 points per game. Maranatha's Newkirk is clocking in at 18.1, and also pulling down 12.2 rebounds per game, second in the area. Hamady for Maranatha is scoring 14.9 points per game, while La Salle's Jason Kenoyer is scoring 11 points per game, and the Lancers' Joey Williams is right behind Newkirk with 12.1 rebounds per game.



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